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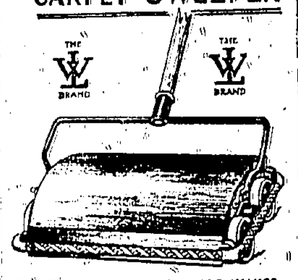

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ANOTHER BURGLARY.

French Store Robbed on Sunday Night.

RAMSAY'S ALSO ENTERED.

Finger Prints May Lead to Tracing of Whole Gang.

Another city burglary has occurred, the thieves in this instance taking money and expensive perfumes from the French Store in Beaconsfield Arcade. They also entered Messrs. Ramsay & Co., but did not steal anything there.

Officers of the Criminal Investigation Department have found a set of finger prints which may lead to establishing the identity of the whole gang, with possible bearing on the long series of previous wholesale thefts from big stores in the heart of Hong Kong.

Baffling explanation is the manner in which the burglars broke through barricades, filed their way through heavy iron grilles and rifled safes—all seemingly without noise and without attracting attention.

There must have been more than one man at work as the French Store occupies two shops, Nos. 9 and 10, which are cut off from Messrs. Ramsay's adjoining premises in No. 11.

How Entry Was Obtained.

Nobody sleeps in either of the shops. Opening up yesterday morning the staffs found everything in disorder, the thieves having entered some time between Sunday and Monday.

The first floor of Beaconsfield Arcade was recently vacated by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and is now disused. The back windows of the first floor overlook the narrow backyard separating the building from Battery Path. Above the old S.C.A. are flats used as residences but these were not disturbed.

Typewriter Parts Not Taken.

From the old S.C.A. windows, the burglars climbed down into the backyards whence entry was made into the shops. But iron barred grilles and stout wooden doors had first to give way. The locks were not picked but the whole piece of heavy ironwork enclosing the lock was taken off by forcing out the big securing nails. Ordinarily the job would have entailed much hammering and noise.

From the French Store the gang took about $250 in money, part of which was in the safe (broken open) and the remainder in drawers. Mr. E. Lallaye, who is in charge, has not been able to supply the Police with full particulars as to the quantity of perfume taken. A good deal of the more valuable kind is still in the shop. Some of the stolen stock was locked and some was left in showcases. Mr. Lallaye thinks that the value of perfumes must exceed $500.

Typewriter parts, ranging from new rollers to small screws, were strewn over the floor of Messrs. Ramsay's when the office was opened yesterday morning. The stock was disturbed but nothing was taken. Articles kept in the safe—which had also been broken open—were left haphazard on the floor but no money was kept in the safe.

On Mr. Lallaye reporting to the Police, detectives examined the building minutely and distinct sets of finger prints were found on the dusty wall at the back of the burgled shops. Inquiries are proceeding but no arrest has yet been reported.

KUNG HAY FAT CHOY

CHINA NEW YEAR IN HONG KONG.

LEGENDARY BARGAINS AT "FAIR"

China New Year will be celebrated in Hong Kong to-morrow with more enthusiasm than twelve months ago.

Last year the Colony was under the cloud of the boycott and strike. Trade has not yet recovered fully but everybody lives in hope. Unsettled conditions up-country, have been balanced by really seasonable weather and the outlook is promising for the huge army of tradespeople who usually reap a harvest just before New Year.

To-day is China New Year Eve when the finishing touches will have been put to an elaborate series of preparations for the auspicious day.

To-morrow heralds in the celebrations proper—extending in Hong Kong for about a week and in some parts of China for half a month.

During the last few days households went through their kitchen thanksgiving services and festive shopping is now at its zenith.

Whitechapel Caps of 1898.

Down at the "fair"—nobody need be told where it is—stalls are replete with merchandise ranging from cloth caps (model Whitechapel '98), trumpery dolls, peacock feather ornaments, millions of Boston garters, trillions of factory stockings, the brass and Chinaware dumps, and the usual native sweetmeats.

Still the "fair" has beauties which are appreciated by its motley crowd. There are avenues of plants in pots, wonderful chrysanthemums in bloom, orange trees in fruit, including curious malformations due to the misguided ingenuity of the gardener; characteristic examples of stunted trees and shrubs; pretty peonies; and, last but not least, the two specimens of lucky flowers which grace every table on New Year's Day, these being the "water fairy" and the flowering shrub, the blooms of which resemble an overhanging bell.

$15 For A Pitch.

In boom years Jervois Street and Bonham Strand have been almost impassable a week before the great day, but to-day rickshas could almost run clean through. This very apparent sign of the times reflects the depressed condition of the pre-festivity shopping.

The "China Mail" man who was given the assignment of writing up the sights was hailed by a porcelain dealer who poured out a tale of woe. At the last minute a competitor had brought pressure to bear on him and taken the site of his stall!

Needs must when the devil drives and the Chinaware merchant immediately paid $15 to a congee man for his pitch. This works out at $5 a day to which must be added the cost of illuminations, scaffolding erections and bonuses to folks for the stalls keep "open" till the small hours of the morning.

Favourite Topic of Gossip.

"Everybody knows that there is no money," said the "Mail" informant. "Lots of people come and look but very few buy. Things are so cheap though that we are tempted to take a risk."

The abundance of flowers this year—as contrasted to last year's shortage due to strike pickets stopping supplies from Canton—was the favourite topic of gossip.

In Wellington Street are rows of mushroom printers, each catering to the recent Chinese tendency to adopt Western ideas by making "New Year cards" which are none other than self-glorified visiting cards with the colours of the rainbow.

A mixture of metallic noises goes to maintain the fun of the fair, which will be at its height this evening. The really earnest bargain hunter will do a little judicious reconnoitring in the meantime.

Origin of Tons of Curios.

Those who live in the hopes that Chinese venders will become desperate in the last hour of the old year and will be prepared to accept next to nothing for "curios" and "big bargain" had better wait till normal times when they should explore the quarter curiously named (by Europeans) Paddy's Market but which in the Japanese language is known more expressively as "Dorobomachi," which means "Thieves Street." It is from this intriguing place that the tons of curios rise as if from nowhere.

In the workaday realm, shroffs are doing overtime. Chinese want to have a clean slate to start the New Year with and to do this they must pay all debts and collect all accounts owing to them. People talk about impending crashes but no sensation is expected.

This afternoon the preliminary bombardment of firecrackers begins.

"Maid" Draws Her Water.

Meanwhile all the womenfolk will have attended to their New Year coiffures—and the elite to their bobs and shingles—the shops to replenishing their signboard adornments; and the lazy menfolk to getting a last shave just before the barbers close.

The maid of the house—according to the classics but not in practice—will have drawn her water from the font of beauty, in this case the prosaic rider main turned full on during the holidays by the benevolence of the Water Authority; the home will have been swept (quite often an annual affair); glad rags will be brought out with gusto; and Hong Kong will say "Kung Hay Fat Choy" once more.

'FLU GERM.

Reported Important Discovery.

GREAT INTEREST AROUSED.

Rugby, Jan. 31.

Great interest is being taken in scientific and medical circles in the reported discovery of what is supposed to be the influenza germ.

The importance of the discovery if the report should prove true is emphasised.

Medical science has hitherto suffered under a great disadvantage from the absence of any really definite information about the origin of influenza.

It is understood that the attention of the Ministry of Health is to be called to the reported discovery, and that the medical experts of the Ministry will be charged with the duty of investigating the claims made.—British Wireless Service.

SURTAXES.

DECISION BY PEKING GOVERNMENT.

Peking, Jan. 31.

The Finance Ministry has made a statement that the Chinese Government has decided to put the Maritime Customs in charge of the collection of the 2½ and 5 per cent. surtaxes which the Inspector-General has been ordered to instruct the commissioners to collect from Feb. 1.

The Ministry has published correspondence showing that the Inspector-General Sir Francis Aglen, maintained his organisation could only collect the taxes permitted by the treaties. The Government replied that the surtaxes have been unanimously agreed to by the Powers at Washington.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS.

Peking, Feb. 1.

Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector-General of Chinese Maritime Customs, has been dismissed by the (Peking Chinese) Government.—Reuter.

SIR ROBERT JARDINE

HEAD OF "EWO" DIES SUDDENLY.

Rugby, Jan. 31.

The death is announced of Sir Robert Jardine, head of the great China firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company. Sir Robert died suddenly yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

[Sir Robert William Buchanan Jardine, born in 1868, was the son of Sir Robert Jardine, whose baronetcy was conferred upon him in 1885. In 1905, the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company was converted into a private Limited Liability Company with the baronet who has just passed away as its first Governing Director, and with Messrs. Wm. Keswick, M.P., W. J. Gresson and Henry Keswick as its Managing Directors. He was well-known in England as a prominent race horse owner and was a steward of the home Jockey Club. His colours were borne to victory in the 1,000 guineas famous classic at Newmarket in 1920. His business activities in connection with the House of "Ewo," was very largely confined to the firm's London establishment.]

Foreign Ships Seized For Troops.

KIUKIANG OBSTRUCTION.

Naval Men Use Fists to Clear Away Pickets.

Further trouble is reported from the Yangtse where foreign ships have been commandeered to carry troops. A naval section had to use fists to clear away pickets at Kiukiang.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Foreign Ships Seized.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local naval authorities:

Japanese, Italian, French and Swedish steamers have been commandeered at Ichang.

Two American steamers are full of troops but the ships have been dismantled.

Three British steamers have been made fast together.

The destination of the Chinese troops on the commandeered steamers is believed to be Wusueh.

A Shasi message states that Japanese, French and Swedish vessels have passed down the river full of Chinese troops.

Italian steamers landed troops and returned up-river empty.

Naval Men Use Fists.

A Changsha message states that about 65 evacuees have left for Hankow.

No further missionaries are expected from the interior.

Business is at a standstill.

A Hankow message states that Italian steamers with troops which arrived from up-river have been detained.

The local situation remains the same.

A Kiukiang messages states that the Customs have not been closed down after all, as the Commissioner of Customs has modified his intentions.

A naval section had to use fists to clear away pickets who were interfering with the luggage of passengers boarding British steamers.

Over 500 troops have arrived from up-river.

A Nanking message states that troops with machine guns and trench mortars left up-river for Anking.

A Chinese gunboat boarded the Soviet vessel "Eriran" and found papers in order.

CANTON'S DUTY.

The Way Now Clear.

Rugby, Jan. 31.

In making their constructive proposals to the Chinese authorities of North and South simultaneously, the British Government have followed out logically the principle of non-intervention in Chinese internal affairs.

Referring to this, the "Manchester Guardian" considers it a matter of "elementary fairness" that Marshal Chang should receive for the benefit of North China concessions equivalent to those offered to the Cantonese authorities, and in this connection contrasts the diplomatic methods of the Northern authorities with some of those employed in the South.

The evening, as well as the morning Press, regards the proposals outlined in the Foreign Secretary's speech as constructive and far reaching.

Common Sense.

The "Evening Standard" considers that British policy has the "clarity distinguishing policies based on a common sense appreciation of the facts."

It adds: "Mr. Eugene Chen claims revision of the treaties to which he cannot be entitled unless the Cantonese Government is, at least in its own sphere, effective; unless it can trust itself, and be trusted, to keep its own people under control and to prevent them from acts of violence against foreigners. "The question whether this is so is the immediate crux of the negotiations, for any doubt upon it would make such concessions as are proposed instantly unsafe. It is also a vital factor in the formulation of a policy of wider extent."—British Wireless Service.

FULL SUPPORT.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Speech.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech at Port Talbot, criticised the Government's action in despatching troops to China.

He declared that if we continued to negotiate with Mr. Eugene Chen with the same freedom of mind as we had approached Japan then not a single life in Shanghai would be threatened.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald concluded that he was optimistic enough to believe everything was going to turn out all right.

He was glad Sir Austen Chamberlain had made that speech at Birmingham, and any help the Opposition could give him along those lines would be readily and most heartily given. Let them make no mistake about that.

As long as the Government negotiated with Mr. Chen on the lines of recognition of China's independence he would be behind them with his Party.—Reuter.

SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

Despatching of a Cruiser.

Madrid, Jan. 31.

Making a statement on China, General Primo de Rivera said that it was unnecessary to dwell on Spain's attitude of absolute neutrality as regards the warring Chinese factions. The cruiser "Don Blaslezo" had been despatched, firstly in case Spaniards required protection; secondly in order that the Spanish flag should be represented alongside those already in Chinese waters; and thirdly so that the cruiser might go to Japan to return the recent visit of the Japanese squadron to Spain.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI FORCE.

Commander at Malta.

Malta, Jan. 31.

The "Megantic," conveying Major-General Duncan, commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, has arrived here.—Reuter.

Battery From India.

Bombay, Jan. 31.

The Twelfth Pack Battery of 300 men has left for China on board the "Bankura."—Reuter.

"IF FIGHTING COMES."

New York Paper's "must Act With British."

New York, Jan. 31.

The "Evening Post," in an editorial headed "We must act with the British if fighting comes" argues that while diplomatically there may be differences between the policies of the United States and Great Britain in China, in practice such distinctions are likely to disappear in the face of common danger.

The article points out that there are some thousands of Americans in Shanghai. The Chinese who are converging on Shanghai, although "historic friends of the United States" have been advised, trained and armed by Reds under the instructions of Soviet Russia and though the threatened assault on Shanghai may be avoided, still Bolshevist ideas will persist in China and may be expressed by acts of sabotage such as burning foreign factories, attacks on British and American homes.

In the face of common danger, the whites should stand shoulder to shoulder as in the past because "blood is thicker than water."—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH PROPOSALS.

Home Papers' Praise.

London, Jan. 31.

Fleet Street had the week-end to assimilate Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, and to-day expresses itself with extraordinarily unanimous approbation.

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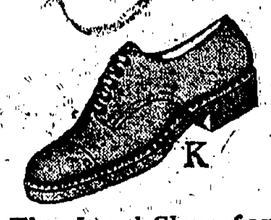

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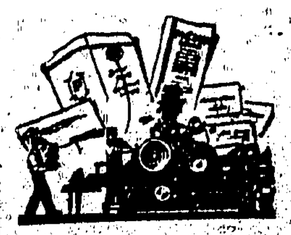

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LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 21st April 1926.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE.

REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS OF 1926.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

At the annual meeting on Feb. 12 of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co. Ltd., the following report will be presented for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926.

The net profit for that period, after deducting directors' and general managers' remuneration and including $98,729.14 brought forward from last account, amounts to $269,970.96.

Which the directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share	$120,000.00
Pay a bonus of 20 cents per share ...	30,000.00
Transfer to Typhoon and Floods Insurance Fund ..	11,042.64
Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account	13,512.00
And carry forward to new Profit and Loss Account	95,416.32
	$269,970.96

Directors:—In accordance with clause 86 of the company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. M. Alves retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors:—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis. Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis offer themselves for re-election.

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Damage by the flood to the company's May Road property is down in the accounts at $10,184.54.

Rent received during the year amounted to $207,135.52 and interest to $22,816.15.

Amounts invested appear in the balance sheet at (property) $2,157,580.64 and (mortgages) $513,000.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Cairo, Jan. 31.

Interviewed by Reuter, Mr. William Howarth, a very large user of Egyptian cotton, and Vice-President of the British Master Cotton Spinners' Federation, said that the master cotton spinners considered the proposed restriction of the cultivated area justified if it were solely intended to raise the price level. It was unwise since Egypt's interests were best served by producing as much cotton as possible at an economic price. He declared that sakellaridis from the state domains was just as good as maarad cotton, of which only 16,000 bales were producible in 1927. It was better for yarn but not as good as sakellaridis for twist purposes. Egypt could and must get back to her original quality sakellaridis and must discontinue mixing pillon with the seed.—Reuter.

DUTCH LOAN REPAID.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.

The newspapers announce that France has arranged to pay the Netherlands a credit of twenty-five million florins, made August, 1919, for the reconstruction work in Northern France.

Repayment is being made on February 1, two and a half years before due date.—Reuter.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST PRICES DONE BY CABLE.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND.

[By courtesy of Messrs. Carroll Bros.]

Hong Kong, Jan. 31.

The following sales of rubber shares have been made with the Straits:—

	cum dividend.
Allenbys	$ 3.05
Ayer Banas	18.60
Changkat Serdangs	10.10
Glenealys	2.80
Kedahs	4.95
Lunas	3.80

The latest dividend is:—Allenbys—10% interim, making 20% to date.

MALAYA BENEFITS.

BOOM IN RUBBER AND TIN.

RECORD OVERSEAS TRADE.

London.—The rubber and tin booms, by which Malaya has specially benefited, are reflected in remarkable manner in its trade returns just published here. In 1925, Malaya's total overseas trade reached the record figure of £295,500,000, the highest in that colony's history; 57 per cent higher than 1924; and 30 per cent higher than in 1920, the previous highest year. Rubber exported totalled 243,000 tons, which was 88,000 tons more than in 1924. The value of the rubber exports, however, increased from $355,500,000 (Mexican) to $568,500,000 (Mexican).

A regrettable feature, states the official report, was the tendency to plant rubber regardless of everything else and the consequent neglect of native food crops for local consumption. Some later figures than these, obtained from the Federated Malay States Agency in London, show that, for the first six months of the current calendar year Malayan overseas trade (imports and exports, as above) totalled £137,200,000. This total, though very high, is less than the proportion for half 1925 and may be due to reduced rubber prices.

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A powerful empire fibre committee was recently formed by the Imperial Institute. Its object is to act as an advisory committee on vegetable fibres to the different states of the British Commonwealth, as well as to individual companies developing or marketing fibres therein. The Crown Colonies have long been advocating the formation of such a body.

The chairman is Alfred Wigglesworth of the firm of Wigglesworth & Co., Ltd., the big Kenya and general Sisal merchants. The Board of Trade, leading manufacturers' associations, the Textile Institute, Kew Gardens, the Indian Trade Commissioner and many other important representatives have been nominated by the Government to its committee.

Though Kenya and Tanganyika have hitherto been the chief fibre producers under the British flag, a number of other states and colonies have started cultivating fibres during the past three or four years. Many people in the city, in fact, consider that fibre is going to be the next big natural product boom after rubber.

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The agricultural report, received direct from the Government Department of Agriculture at Nairobi, for 1925, states that the acreage under crops was 393,000 acres, three quarters of which were European (presumedly the land under cultivation in native reserves is excluded from these figures). Some 5,000,000 acres have now been alienated for European farming. Maize crops rose by 10 per cent. Sisal increased from 45,823 acres to 52,872 acres. Maize qualities ran high and averaged seven bags per acre, the total production being 900,000 bags. This is a rapidly expanding industry.

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In the adjacent huge mandated territory of Tanganyika, a meat canning industry has been started at Mwanza (the colony's chief port on Lake Victoria, on the south-eastern side). This is the centre of a large cattle district and also close to the new diamond and gold fields. For the moment the company which has started this (a local concern) is supplying preserved meat weekly to stations in Kenya and North Tanganyika but a canning factory is shortly to follow. As Kenya and Tanganyika together possess some 9,000,000 head of cattle—about 1,000,000 more than in Uruguay—it is hoped that this may lead to a big new local industry.

CEYLON RUBBER COUPONS.

London, Jan. 31.

The British Government has agreed that the decision to limit the period for exporting rubber should be abandoned as far as Ceylon is concerned. Henceforward the coupons of Ceylon will not have a time limit.—Reuter.

PROSPEROUS EGYPT.

No Post-War Difficulties to Face.

The buoyant financial position of Egypt, where there was a surplus revenue of £5,000,000, where taxes were light and loans unnecessary, was referred to by Colonel H. L. Fitzpatrick, during an interview on the liner "Ormuz," which passed through Fremantle. Colonel Fitzpatrick was associated with the Egyptian Government for 25 years, and he resigned from the position of General Secretary to the Ministry for Finance in 1925. He is now undertaking his first visit to Australia.

Colonel Fitzpatrick said that Egypt was an immensely rich country. The buoyancy of the finances resulted in the imposition of light taxes, and, because of the money reserves, it was unnecessary for loans to be floated. Egypt was one of the few countries of the world which incurred no debt as a result of the Great War. The political situation of Egypt to-day was very quiet, and the amicable association of King Fuad and the British representative (Lord Lloyd) had been most marked.

Referring to the cotton production of Egypt, Colonel Fitzpatrick said that the trade of the country had passed through a slight depression owing to the fall in the price which had resulted from the surplus American crop. The Egyptian Government had assisted the growers by purchasing the crop. The extension of the irrigation areas was receiving the attention of the authorities, who were considering the alternatives of raising the level of the Assouan Dam or the building of another dam on a gigantic scale at Gebel Aulua.

Colonel Fitzpatrick will remain for several months in Australia, and he will return to Egypt via Canada and England.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT.

Sydney, Dec. 30.

The Government Statistician (Mr. T. Waites) to-day stated that based upon the returns already received the wheat harvest would amount to about 50,000,000 bushels. On a value of 5s. per bushel the crop will be worth £12,500,000.

The returns, which have been completed in respect of 2,060,000 acres, of the total area reported to have been sown for grain, showed that 10,545,000 bags were harvested. The average yield per acre was thus 15.3 bushels, and if this average was maintained, the wheat harvest for 1926-27 would be approximately 51,300,000 bushels.

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HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-wats must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Jan. 28 to Feb. 3, 1927

Date	High Water			Lower Water		
Jan.		Standard Times	Ht.		Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 28	m	5 4	4.0	m	0 4	3.1
		6 17a	5.9	m	10 29	3.1
Sat. 29	m	6 37	3.9	m	1 8	3.6
		6 0a	6.5	m	11 13	3.3
Sun. 30	m	7 04	3.9	m	7 49	1.8
		6 44a	7.1	m	11 57	3.2
Mon. 31	m	8 36	4.1	m	2 18	1.2
		7 30a	7.6	m	46 a	3.1
Tues. 1	m	9 25	4.2	m	3 6	0.6
		8 17a	8.0	m	1 37 a	3.1
Wed. 2	m	11 10	4.3	m	3 45	0.3
		9 5a	8.3	m	2 30 a	2.9
Thurs 3	m	10 00	4.4	m	4 25	0.1
		9 55a	8.3	m	3 22 a	2.7

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Jan. 27, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin ..... 牛尾筲	lb.		27	24	12
„ Prime Cut	„		27	23	12
„ Corned ..... 咸牛肉	„		32	23	12
„ Roast ..... 燒肉牛	„		27	24	22
„ Breast ..... 牛腩	„		24	20	18
„ Soup ..... 湯肉	„		24	20	18
„ Steak ..... 牛肉排	„		27	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin ... 牛柳	„		45	30	35
„ Sausages ..... 牛腸	„		40	26	20
Bullock's Brains ..... 牛腦	per set		15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh.. 牛脷	each		60	50	60
„ Tongue, corned 咸牛脷	„		—	60	—
„ Head ..... 牛頭	„		$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart ..... 牛心	lb.		22	18	14
„ Hump, Salt .. 牛峰腩	„		34	20	18
„ Feet ..... 牛腳	each		10	10	12
„ Kidneys ..... 牛腰	„		15	18	12
„ Tail ..... 牛尾	„		26	20	22
„ Liver ..... 牛肝	lb.		22	18	14
„ Tripe ..... 牛肚	„		8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet.. 牛仔頭腳	set		$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop ..... 羊排	lb.		55	26	—
„ Leg ..... 羊脾	„		55	26	—
„ Shoulder ..... 羊手	„		52	24	—
„ Saddle	„		55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings ..... 豬肥腸	„		40	—	27
„ Brains ..... 豬腦	Per set		8	—	12
„ Feet ..... 豬腳	lb.		15	15	—
„ Fry ..... 豬什	„		20	15	18
„ Head ..... 豬頭	„		20	20	—
„ Heart ..... 豬心	each		13	10	10
„ Kidneys ..... 豬腰	„		12	10	8
„ Liver ..... 豬肝	lb.		48	30	24
Pork Chop ..... 排骨	„		36	25	23
„ Leg	„		35	—	—
„ Loin ..... 豬�select	„		40	60	70
„ Fat or Lard .... 豬油	„		26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet.. 羊頭腳	per set		90	60	70
„ Heart ..... 羊心	each		14	8	7
„ Kidneys ..... 羊腰	„		15	12	10
„ Liver ..... 羊肝	„		55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order. 乳豬	lb.		25	25	22
Suet, Beef ..... 鮮牛油	„		30	20	18
„ Mutton ..... 鮮羊油	„		55	26	26
Veal ..... 牛仔肉	„		36	20	19
„ Sausages ..... 牛仔仔腸	„		40	20	20
„ „ No. 1.	„		32	—	—

Fish.

			Jan. 27, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Barbel ..... 鯇魚	lb.		16	19	24
Bream ..... 鯛魚	„		14	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish. (塘魚(省城淡水鮮))	„		18	18	16
Carp ..... 鯉魚	„		20	16	27
Catfish ..... 鯰魚	„		32	12	9
Codfish ..... 雪魚	„		24	20	25
Crabs ..... 蟹	„		40	23	26
Cuttle Fish ..... 墨魚	„		18	16	2
Dab	„		70	23	16
Dace ..... 青鱎	„		14	10	9
Dog Fish ..... 尾肚	„		12	10	8
Eels, Conger ..... 海鰻	„		28	16	—
„ Fresh Water ... 白鰻	„		18	10	18
„ Yellow	„		35	26	30
Frogs ..... 田雞	„		60	32	25
Garoupa ..... 石班	„		65	40	30
Gudgeon ..... 白鮕	„		16	18	15
Herrings	„		32	22	18
Halibut ..... 黃牛甲花	„		28	18	23
Labrus	„		28	22	18
Loach	„		65	22	24
Lobsters	„		35	32	21
Mackerel	„		55	20	28
Monk Fish	„		40	32	28
Mullet	„		32	18	2
Oysters	„		32	16	22
Parrot Fish	„		24	14	9
Perch	„		28	20	15
Pike	„		16	16	9
Plaice	„		48	28	14
Pomfret, Black	„		50	26	29
Pomfret, White	„		55	36	30
Prawns	„		80	36	45
Ray	„		12	10	14
Rock Fish	„		28	18	18
Roach	„		40	22	16
Salmon	„		75	36	30
Shark	„		12	8	10
Skate	„		14	10	10
Shrimps	„		55	26	25
Snapper	„		65	32	30
Soles	„		32	22	23
Tench	„		32	22	18
Turbot	„		30	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	„		$1.30	40	—

Poultry.

		Jan. 27, 1927.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken ..... 雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small ..... 線雞	„	55	28	30
Capons, Large ..... 肥線雞	„	60	28	30
Duck ..... 鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves ..... 乳鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking).. 雞蛋	per doz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh) ... 新鮮雞蛋	„	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton ..... 本地雞	lb.	70	36	24
Fowls, Hainan ..... 海南雞	„	50	36	24
Geese ..... 鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton ..... 白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hoihow ..... 海口鴿	„	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock ..... 火雞公	lb.	65	—	—
Turkeys, Hen ..... 火雞	„	80	51	45
Snipe ..... 沙鷁	each	—	—	—
Pheasant ..... 山雞	pair	$2.00	—	—
Quail ..... 鶉	each	30	—	2
Partridges ..... 鷓鴣	„	85	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds ..... 杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California) .. 金山蘋果	„	20	24	—
Bananas (bride's) .... 香山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola ..... 楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts ..... 椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China ..... 檸檬	lb.	12	7	0
Lemons (America) ... 金山檸檬	each	7	8	0
Lichees, Dried ..... 荔枝干	lb.	36	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ... 新會甜橙	„	12	—	—
Oranges ..... 橙	„	13	—	15
Pears (Canton) ..... 沙梨	„	14	—	—
Peanuts ..... 花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ... 紅大柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain ..... 香蕉	„	4	3	4
Pumelo, Siam ..... 暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts ..... 合桃	lb.	18	—	15
Grapes ..... 葡萄子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes ..... 鴨芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout ..... 芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long ..... 豆角	„	14	8	—
Beet Root ..... 紅頭	each	2	3	3
Bitter Squash ..... 苦瓜	lb.	8	—	—
Brinjals, Green ..... 青瓜	„	5	5	9
„ Red ..... 紅瓜	„	5	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese ..... 菜菜	„	5	5	12
„ (Shanghai) ..... 滬菜	„	14	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ... 蔗	„	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) ... 大花菜	each	18	—	—
„ (Medium) ... 中花菜	„	15	—	—
„ (Small) ... 細菜花	lb.	11	6	6
Carrots ..... 金菜	„	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese ..... 芹菜	„	8	10	6
Chillies, Dried ..... 乾辣椒	„	30	25	5
„ Red ..... 紅辣椒	„	25	10	16
„ Green ..... 青花椒	„	28	8	12
Curry Stuff, English .. 菜用材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers ..... 青瓜	„	5	2	—
Garlic ..... 蒜子頭	„	8	6	6
Ginger, Young ..... 子薑	„	9	7	—
„ Old ..... 老薑	„	9	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.	„	25	8	4
Indian Corn ..... 粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce ..... 生菜	„	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts ..... 馬蹄	„	10	—	8
„ Mandarin. 桂林馬蹄	„	12	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh .... 鮮草菇	„	—	—	8
Okroes	„	14	1	10
Onions, Bombay ..... 香蔥	„	8	8	3
„ Green ..... 生蔥	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai ..... 上海蔥頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley ..... 芹菜	„	30	60	8
Potato, Sweet ..... 番薯	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese .... 日本番仔	„	5	3	—
„ American .... 金山蕃仔	„	6	3	—
Pumpkin ..... 南瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish ..... 紅蘿蔔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh) ..... 大干蔥	„	—	—	10
Shallots ..... 青蔥	„	10	6	—
Spinach ..... 菠菜	„	8	4	—
Tomatoes ..... 蕃茄	„	8	7	—
Taros ..... 芋頭	„	5	6	—
Turnips, Funti (Long) .. 蘿蔔	„	5	4	—
Vegetable Marrow ... 節瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress ..... 西洋菜	„	6	15	—
Water Lily Root ..... 蓮	„	8	6	—

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IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 2nd and 3rd February, 1927.

Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, and THURSDAY, the 3rd February, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days,

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 31st January, 1927.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

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Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in "Hong Kong or in such other "place outside the United "Kingdom as the Directors "may from time to time "determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which "the business of the Society "shall be managed, conducted "and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

Place of Directors' Meetings
"108 (a). All meetings of "Directors shall be held in "Hong Kong or in such other "place outside the United "Kingdom as the Directors "may from time to time "determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings "of the Company shall be held "in Hong Kong or in such "other place outside the United "Kingdom as the Directors "may from time to time "determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—

Votes of Members
"80. On a show of hands "every member present shall "have one vote, and upon a "poll every member present "in person or by proxy shall "have one vote for every "share held by him. No "member not personally pre-"sent shall be entitled to "vote on a show of hands, "unless such member is a "corporation present by a "proxy or a company present "by a representative duly "authorised by Section 69 of "Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, "in which case such proxy or "representative may vote on "the show of hands as if he "were a member of the "company."

(3) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which "the business of the company "shall be managed, conducted "and controlled."

(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—

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"108 (a). All meetings of "Directors shall be held in "Hong Kong or in such other "place outside the United "Kingdom as the Directors "may from time to time "determine."

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, 5th February, at 9.15 p.m. at the THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:
15 Round Contest for Middleweight Championship of the Colony
A. B. EWIN
H.M.S. "Hermes"
v.
STOKER NORMAN MORRIS
H.M.S. "Hermes"
Also
10 Round Lightweight Contest
L. S. HALL
H.M.S. "Titania"
v.
STOKER PERCY LAKE
H.M.S. "Durban"
and
Four other Contests.

Booking at Moutries—Members 1st February, General Public 4th and 5th.

USUAL PRICES.

NOTICES.

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Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article, the following words be added "All meetings "of the Company shall be held "in Hong Kong or in such other "place outside the United King-"dom as the Directors may from "time to time determine."

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

NEW THOUGHTS FROM AMERICA.

The condition of the London streets was discussed with a representative of "The Daily Telegraph" by an Englishman who has made a close study of the traffic problem in America. After experience with the Housing Department of the London County Council Mr. Alfred Bossom twenty-three years ago started building skyscrapers in New York, his first designs having been completed before he left London. Since then he has designed over 100 buildings. His work is to be found in all the great cities of the United States, and he has acquired an unrivalled acquaintance with the problems of urban development in a country which is fortunate in being able largely to anticipate its traffic difficulties and make provision to overcome them in advance.

The restrictions under which London labours in the matter of improvements naturally strikes Mr. Bossom the more forcibly after his experience of the freer conditions of America. There are no "ancient lights" to upset calculations; and the legal requirement as to the "setting back" of new buildings is uniform. Without compulsory purchase or condemnation it seemed impossible, said Mr. Bossom, to carry out schemes for London traffic in time to secure the full measure of relief. "Look at the case of the Strand," he added. "The widening started twenty years ago, and it has not finished yet. There is still one very narrow stretch causing a bottleneck through which traffic must pass. The effective width of a street is, of course, the width of its narrowest part. London must straighten out all the 'knobs' in her streets." The same need for compulsory powers was also felt in connection with the joining up of existing small streets, said Mr. Bossom. There were many places where this might be done off Piccadilly and the Strand so as to provide parallel streets and facilitate the introduction of one-way traffic on the American system.

One suggestion put forward by Mr. Bossom for increasing traffic space was that of setting back existing shops in crowded thoroughfares without destroying the main buildings. The pavements would be constructed under the overhanging part of the old buildings, on the arcade principle, giving the width of the present walking space to the roadway and providing accommodation for at least two extra lines of traffic. This Mr. Bossom put forward as a practicable and comparatively inexpensive expedient.

For gyratory schemes Mr. Bossom had an approving word, declaring that traffic problems usually resolved themselves into a question of untying knots in one or two vitally important spots. But he thought that overhead foot-bridges at crossings would eventually be found necessary.

Other propositions which, in his view, would be found to be indispensable in the course of time, included the provision of over and under crossings at busy points and the restriction of private cars in certain districts. New York, said Mr. Bossom, had already two examples of the overhead and underground crossing, one at 42nd Street and the other on the Grand Concourse. They were both successful. "When people discuss these crossings and the foot-bridges for passengers," said Mr. Bossom, "it is not necessary to imagine them at every crossing. One or two at the most congested spots would be found to bring great relief."

Though he had had no opportunity of examining in detail the recent report of the Commission on London Bridges, Mr. Bossom was much struck by the spaciousness of its conception. While bridges were necessary, however, the importance of adequate approaches—something in the nature of a plaza at either end—must not be overlooked. One of the most promising proposals for London, he thought, was that for the creation of a new embankment. The absence of crossing in such a thoroughfare made it one of the surest aids to the general speeding up of traffic and the avoidance of congestion.

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Edward L. Doheny, oil magnate, and his wife, who testified in his behalf, are shown leaving court in Washington where Doheny and former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall were on trial on charges of conspiracy arising out of the Elk Hills oil leases.

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

NO. 3—$50 MUST BE WON.

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6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of $50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the $50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
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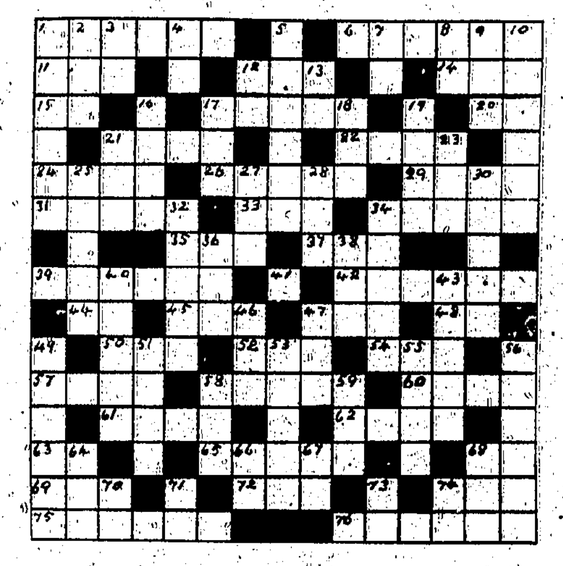

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Clues Across.

1. Any of the unorganised ferments.
6. A bulbous plant with yellow or purple flower.
11. To bring forth young.
12. Possessive of it.
14. High tone.
15. At morning (abbev:)
17. Minute openings in leaves of plants.
20. A tree.
21. Was carried through.
22. Anything very small.
24. A place for cooking in.
26. A puppy.
29. At first.
31. The outer integument of a seed.
33. A poem set for music.
34. Exchangos.
35. Turf for fuel.
37. A hare.
39. Went afire.
41. The indefinite article.
42. Take away the good name.
44. A Christian Association (abbrev:)
45. A kind of strong ale.
47. Same as 33 across.
48. To exist.
50. A public service car.
52. Unusual.
54. L.T.A. (actual).
57. To incite.
58. A genus of scombroid fishes.
60. Proceedings in a civil court.
61. To level with the ground.
62. Part of an egg.
63. Royal Scots (init:)
65. Hollows.
68. With reference to.
69. A liqueur.
72. A corded cloth.
74. Not in.
75. American river (known in song)
76. Green turf of grassy surfaces.

Clues Down.

1. A zealous person.
2. Large root like a potato.
3. Midnight (abbrev:)
4. In this manner.
5. Put away.
7. A God.
8. Chartered accountant (init:)
9. Abbreviation used in letter writing (not inst.)
10. Saves.
12. Neuter Pronoun.
13. Sergeant-Major (abbrev:)
16. A contraction of two words, expressive of denial.
17. To fasten together with thread.
18. Electrical unit (abbrev:)
19. To cook slowly.
21. A thing; a point;
23. A period of years.
25. Like veal.
27. Swine.
28. Tepid.
30. Foam.
32. Herb Bennet used to flavour ale.
34. Iron combined with carbon.
36. Fuss.
38. To count.
40. Fossil resin.
43. To be taken by surprise.
46. Portuguese colony.
47. Uneven.
49. Landed proprietors.
51. Time between a festival and 8th day after.
53. Faced along.
55. A narration.
56. Servants (male).
58. Dry wine.
59. Those for or in favour.
64. A female pig.
66. Ar (actual).
67. Electro plate (inits:)
68. Redness: Blush:
70. Mother.
71. With reference to.
73. Opposite to S.E.
74. Alternative.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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PRESIDENT GRANT	Tuesday,	Mar. 15th	10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT MADISON	Tuesday,	Mar. 29th	10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JACKSON	Tuesday,	Apr. 12th	10.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT HAYES	Tuesday,	Mar. 29th	6.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT POLK	Tuesday,	Apr. 12th	8.00 a.m.

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COLLISION WITH DUTCH STEAMER.

Their junk cut in two in a collision, a Chinese crew were saved by the Dutch s.s. "Van Heutsz" (coming to Hong Kong from Swatow) on Sunday evening.

According to a report by the master of the "Van Heutsz," it appears that the junk suddenly loomed up in the darkness on the port bow of the steamer. The engines were at once reversed and the helm put over.

The junk, however, approached quickly and was hit amidship and cut in two. Life-boats were immediately lowered and the crew were all rescued.

The wreck, which is in position Lat. 22.65. N., Long. 116.25 E., is considered dangerous to navigation.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

First-class passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Shanghai on the "President Harrison" on Jan. 31 were:—Mr. J. G. Brown, Mr. G. Burgess, Mr. R. Baxter, Mr. W. H. Bang, Mr. Ho Choi, Mr. H. C. Collaco, Mr. C. A. Chen, Mr. J. Durrand, Mr. Y. Y. Feng, Mr. A. F. Fernandez, Mr. J. R. Fordy, Mr. S. Gash, Mr. K. Ho, Mr. Mak Hung, Mr. T. K. Hu, Mr. T. K. Ho, Mr. Tse Hang-hin, Mr. A. Hurry, Mr. H. C. Jui, Mr. K. S. Liang, Mr. Y. T. Lueng, Mr. Ang Hang-lee, Mr. K. Lau, Mr. W. A. Lee, Mr. A. H. Leslie, Mr. S. T. Lee, Mr. L. Marcel, Mr. T. V. Mao, Mr. H. Ma, Mr. W. A. S. Price, Mr. F. V. Reid, Mr. L. K. Wong, Mr. M. M. Sofokoff, Mr. K. Sezto, Mr. A. Sinclair, Mr. J. Tai, Mr. A. Tetsall, Mr. L. K. Wong, Mr. R. J. Whitehead, Mr. Z. W. Wu, Mr. K. S. Yik, Dr. C. C. Yang, Mr. H. C. Yu.

DEPARTURE.

First-class passengers departed for New York via ports on the "President Harrison" from Hong Kong, on Feb. 1, were:—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, Mrs. F. Tomkins, Miss Elsie Tomkins, Miss Hilda Tomkins, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Huntingdon, Dr. J. H. Franklin, Miss L. G. Bonney, Miss D. W. Fensom, Miss M. R. McVeigh, Miss Lois Withem, Miss J. D. Jones, Miss M. Mccutcheon, Miss C. M. Bartlett, Miss Alice A. Wilcox, Miss R. V. Hemeway, Miss E. I. Heik, Miss F. Staubli, Mr. and Mrs. C. Moise, Mr. L. M. Wilkinson, Mr. H. C. Classen, Mr. Cuyler P. McMahon, Mr. W. Lythgoe, Mr. Teruchi Ohmiya, Mr. F. S. Funderburk, Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Miss E. Seymour, Mrs. C. E. Seymour, Mr. C. R. Love, Mr. M. M. Axelrood, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schaeffer, Mr. Jas. Ball Schaeffer, Miss Mary Ball Schaeffer, Mrs. H. Cooper, Prof. A. Langsner, M.L.L.C., Mr. Buford Long, Miss M. Cooper, Miss B. Cooper, Mrs. J. R. Goodall, Mrs. S. C. Lewis, Miss E. J. K. Rice, Mrs. Yang To-kya, Mr. C. Bonardel, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vanderslice, Mrs. G. Bertucci, Masters A. and G. Bertucci, Misses F., R. and C. Bertucci, Miss T. Gagliardo, Mr. and Mrs. G. Salle, Miss G. S. Salle, Mrs. E. Kyle Jackson, Mr. C. Seymour, Master D. Seymour.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st February, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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"SUWA MARU" AMOK.

ACCUSED ACQUITTED AT THE ASSIZES.

PLEA OF GUILTY BUT INSANE.

Singapore, Jan. 21.

A Chinese, Lan Sui, was charged yesterday at the Assizes before the Chief Justice (Sir William Murlson) with murdering a Japanese and with causing grievous hurt to four other men. The accused pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mr. N. H. P. Whitley prosecuted while Mr. Battishill appeared for the accused.

Mr. Whitley, in outlining the case, said that on November 24 last the "Suwa Maru" was at Tanjong Pagar homeward bound from Europe. The accused had booked a deck passenger's ticket for China and on the day in question was seen on the deck of the ship talking with another deck passenger. Suddenly Lan Sui, it is alleged, drew a knife and stabbed the man, after which he ran aft to the second-class dining saloon, where some stewards were clearing tables after the evening meal, and stabbed one of the stewards.

Scene in the Dining Saloon.

He then made his way to the pantry where he stabbed the cook and proceeded towards the first-class dining saloon, where a large number of passengers and their friends were dining. On reaching the entrance, however, the ship's second steward attempted to stay his progress, but was stabbed several times by the accused, who then rushed into the dining room brandishing a knife. Two police officers, Inspectors Mead and Goring, who were at the time dining on board, saw Lan Sui as he rushed into the room, and they picked up a chair and hit him on the head with it. The accused then fell down, and was pounced upon by the stewards. The police officers then arrested him, and he was taken to the General Hospital suffering from a wound on the scalp.

The first witness called was Dr. Stubbs, of the General Hospital, who said that on the night of November 24 the injured stewards and the accused were brought to the hospital suffering from serious wounds.

In response to a question by Mr. Whitley the doctor said that all the wounds on the stewards could have been caused by the knife produced in court, and that the wound on the accused could have been caused by being hit on the head with something heavy, such as a chair.

Accused Not Intoxicated.

Cross-examined by Mr. Battishill, Dr. Stubbs said that he had examined the accused in such a way as to ascertain whether he had been drinking, but he could find no signs of this. When accused came into hospital he seemed quite sound in mind; he was, however, very quiet.

The next witness was the man whom the accused is alleged to have first attacked and who said he had not met the accused before. While Lan Sui was talking to him, accused took out a knife and for no apparent reason whatever stabbed him several times in the back.

The next witness was a man who saw the accused attack the last witness, but his evidence was such as to cause his Lordship to observe: "Oh, this man's a fool."

Mr. Battishill: I am afraid he is, my Lord.

This morning Mr. Cockle, Superintendent of the Singapore Harbour Board Police, gave evidence that the accused had the opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses for the Crown at both the police court and hospital. Four Japanese witnesses and one German witness had left Singapore and were now in Japan and Korea.

Mr. Whitely, before reading the evidence of the absent witnesses, remarked that the ship was only in port about six hours, and it was only by the police working overtime and running about all over the place that they were able to get the statements.

Inspector's Evidence.

Inspector Mead, passport examination officer, gave evidence as to being on board the "Suwa Maru" with Inspector Goring when accused ran into the saloon with a knife in his hand and stabbed a steward. Witness went after him and struck him with a chair, and Inspector Goring did the same from the other side. The Japanese stewards then came up and assisted to secure the man.

Cross-examined, witness said the man was slashing at anyone within reach.

Corroborative evidence was given by Inspector Goring.

Case for the Defence.

Opening the case for the defence, Mr. Battishill said that the plea put forward on behalf of the accused was one of guilty but insane.

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Accused, in the witness box, said that he was a mining coolie who had come from Ipoh intending to return to China. He could not remember anything of what happened to him on the ship.

Doctor's Evidence.

Dr. E. R. Stone, doctor in charge of the lunatic asylum, said he had seen the prisoner on two occasions.

Mr. Battishill: Assuming that he suffered from epilepsy, would that be an explanation of his running amok?—Yes.

And if he ran amok, would he have control of his actions?—No.

In reply to Mr. Whitley, Dr. Stone said he could find nothing mentally wrong with him on November 25 and December 13, when he examined the man. It was impossible to tell whether he was subject to epilepsy unless he was seen at the time of the actual fit.

His Lordship: If a man murders one man, and attempts to murder four other men, all of whom he did not know before, do you think that he would be insane? Do you consider, generally speaking, that a man who did that would be insane?—Yes, my lord.

During Mr. Battishill's address the jury stopped the case and returned a verdict of guilty but insane.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The China Borneo S.S. Co.'s R.M.S. "Lok Sun" sailed from Sandakan for this port on Jan. 27, and will arrive to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on Jan. 30, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Feb. 4, at about 6 a.m.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
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INDO MARU .....Tuesday, 15th February.
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INDO MARU .....Wednesday, 16th February.
HEINAN MARU .....Wednesday, 23rd February.
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TACOMA MARU .....Friday, 25th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU .....Saturday, 5th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
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HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU .....Friday, 4th February.
MENADO MARU .....Friday, 18th February.
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JAPAN PORTS
GANGES MARU .....Wednesday, 23rd February.
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KAIJO MARU .....Sunday, 6th February, 10 a.m...
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DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,852	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	S'gon. M'lles, L'don, H'burg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	M'lles, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Biggest Shipping Deal.

This White Star deal is the largest shipping transaction in history and involves an outlay of £36,525,000. Since the Furness Withy negotiations fell through a few months ago, ostensibly on account of the British coal strike, there has been considerable speculation as to what would happen to the White Star Line, since it was clear the American holders wished to dispose of their British tonnage.

Although the official announcement of the sale on November 27 was made with no preliminary fanfare, it did not come altogether as a surprise, because the Royal Mail Company has been angling since 1919 for the famous transatlantic liners, and the R.M.S.P. was regarded by many as the logical purchasers and operators.

Vessels to Change Ownership.

The vessels sold to the R.M.S.P. and which were transferred to them on January 1, are:

White Star Line—"Adriatic," 24,541 tons; "Arabic," 16,786 tons; "Baltic," 23,884 tons; "Cedric," 21,227 tons; "Celtic," 21,179 tons; "Ceramic," 18,495 tons; "Delphic," 4,903 tons; "Doric," 16,484 tons; "Gallic," 7,912 tons; "Homeric," 34,351 tons; "Majestic," 56,551 tons; "Medic," 12,222 tons; "Megantic," 14,877 tons; "Olympic," 46,439 tons; "Persic," 12,221 tons; "Runic," 12,663 tons; "Suevic," 12,686 tons; "Vedic," 9,180 tons; and the tenders, "Nomadic," 1,260 tons; "Traffic," 640 tons, and "Magnetic," 610 tons.

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A Vast Combine.

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Rumours Around Franklin.

At the time of writing rumours were current in New York that the I.M.M. is negotiating for the sale of the Leyland Line and the Atlantic Transport Line which would completely clear them out of British tonnage. New York officials of the I.M.M., however, have no confirmation of the rumours, although the opinion is current in many quarters that Mr. P.A.S. Franklin, president of the I.M.M., envisions a slate clear of alien tonnage and then a 100 per cent. American combine on the grand scale. That also is speculation but coloured with probability.

When the Furness Withy negotiations ended so abruptly last summer report has it that Mr. Franklin's plans were seriously interfered with and to this is ascribed the fact that when the Shipping Board invited bids for the United States Lines and the American Merchant Lines, Mr. Franklin only entered a bid for one ship—the "Leviathan."

It is pointed out now, that Mr. Franklin, with his hands free of foreign flag ships, would be in a position to re-enter the arena and bid for Shipping Board tonnage, but there are many shipping men who think it would be grossly unjust to reopen the bids for the United States Lines and American Merchant Lines just because the tide had turned in favour of Mr. Franklin. That Mr. Franklin is expected to do something is evident on all sides, but——what will Mr. Franklin do?—"Nautical Gazette" (New York).

22 HEROES.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN—"

BRITISH SEAMEN'S SACRIFICE.

Although the survivors of the crew of the Cardiff-owned steamer "Eastway" have been in Britain for some days, having arrived at Southampton from the States, it was only when Mr. J. Hayes, (M.P. for the Edgehill Division of Liverpool) raised the question in the House of Commons of the bestowal of posthumus awards to the lost members of the crew that the heroism of the men was revealed, says a Home paper just to hand.

The ony lifeboat left to the sinking vessel was one that would take twelve men, and as the "Eastway" had a crew of thirty-four, the remaining men sacrificed their lives on the deck of the sinking ship rather than imperil the twelve men who were in the lifeboat by overloading it.

Mr. Hayes, in the course of an interview with a Press representative, said:—"I am amazed that more has not been made of the wonderful heroism of the twenty-two who were drowned. There were thirty-five in the crew, but just before the ship sank the captain was washed overboard. All the life-boats except one were smashed in the hurricane, and in the remaining boat there was room only for twelve.

"Then it was the men showed their true mettle. The cargo of coal had shifted, the boat was over on her beam ends, and all hope of righting her had been abandoned. Mr. James, the wireless operator, stuck manfully at his post, sending out signals for help, and there he died shortly after receiving a reply that help was coming.

"Rockets were sent up. A large steamer passed by. It was impossible that she could not have seen them, but she went on. It was only a question of minutes before the "Eastway" must take her final plunge.

"Who was to be saved? Every man was anxious for the next to go. Then twelve were forced into the lifeboat, under Third Officer Davie. They begged for more to join them, but it was obvious that another man would just turn the balance of safety for the twelve.

"Twenty-two men stood on the laying-over ship, shouting their last messages to the men in the boat, and then, while waving their adieus to their comrades, the "Eastway" gave a final lurch and plunged into the depths. The twenty-two heroes were sucked down with her, gone deliberately to their death.

"Such conduct should, I think, be recognised by the Board of Trade, and I am glad that the President has promised it shall be recognised if the official inquiry bears out my version of the story. And I have not the least doubt it will."

The steamer "Eastway" was owned by Messrs. William Brothers, of Cardiff, and traded between England and America. The twelve members of her crew who were saved drifted for seventeen hours before they were picked up by the British steamer "Luciline."

VICEROY'S A.D.C.'S AFFAIRS.

London, Jan. 10.—The affairs of an aide-de-camp to the ex-Viceroy of India during 1921-24 and heir presumptive to the Baron of Berwick, namely Charles Noel Hill, were investigated in the bankruptcy court to-day. Liabilities were returned at £8,207 and assets at £1,284 the principal creditor being Laikatali, Chief Justice of Bhopal, for £5,500. The hearing was adjourned.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 1—Queen's Theatre; Buster Keaton in "Go West."
February 1—World Theatre; "The Eternal Struggle."
February 1—Star Theatre; "Dempsey-Tunney Fight."
February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel.
February 2—Chinese New Year Carnival, King Edward Hotel, 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sports.

February 2—Interport game, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.30 p.m.
February 5—Fifth tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assen., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
February 5-6—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.
February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanling Hunt, Kwanti Race Course.

Meetings.

February 8—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's 5.15 p.m.
February 10—Adjourned meeting of Kowloon Football Club, Clubhouse, Chatham Rd., Kowloon, 6 p.m.
February 15—General meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., and China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Union Building, Pedder St., noon, 12.15 p.m. and 12.30 p.m. respectively.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 14th February, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 7th February, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1927.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

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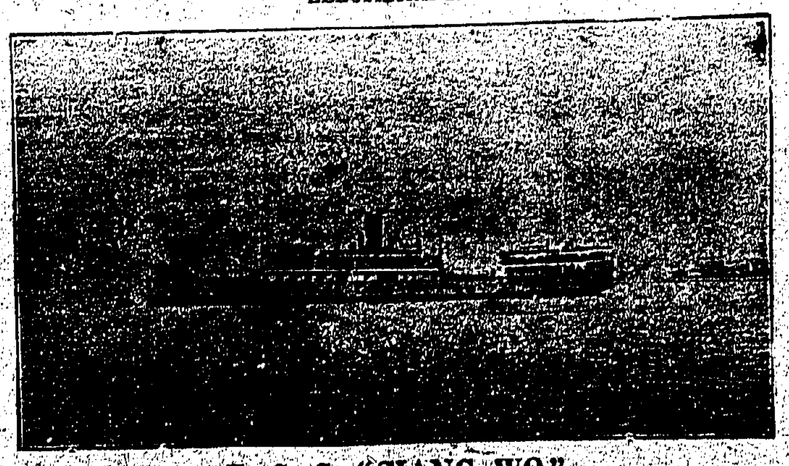

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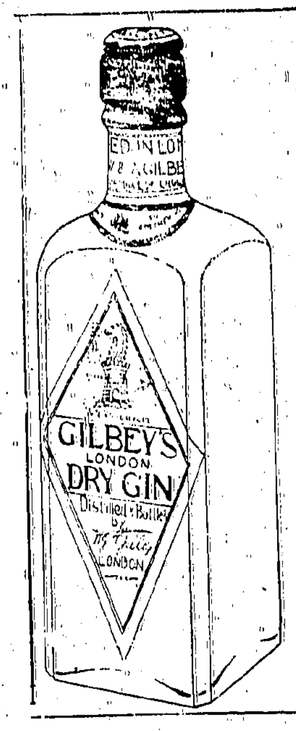

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MARRIAGE.

CLEAR—JOHNSON.—On January 26, 1927, at Shanghai, Arthur William, eldest son of H. W. Clear, of Leicester, to Marjorie Janie, youngest daughter of E. Grove Johnson, of Brentwood, Essex.

DEATHS.

BEESLEY.—On January 26, 1927, at Shanghai, Percy Montagu Beesley, L.R.I.B.A., aged 50 years.

CROOKS.—On January 26, 1927, at Shanghai, Robert Rex Crooks, aged 47 years.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1927.

THE LATEST PIRACY.

The piracy of the "Seang Bee," although much less sensational than the piracy of the "Sunning," will create an impression little less painful. Indeed it will come as a greater shock, the public having reached the conclusion that such outrages would no longer be possible, with the reported "cleaning up" of the notorious pirate lair, Bias Bay, by troops of the Nationalist Government. The public has been misled. Such "cleaning up" as the troops of the Nationalist Government have done in the Bias Bay region has been merely a guerilla campaign, of sorts, against the forces of a general who has long been a thorn in their side. This general, they have alleged, has been in league with the pirates, if he has not actually been the leader, yet at the very time he was being compelled to take flight to the North, active measures must have been going forward at Bias Bay for the piracy of the "Seang Bee"! The failure of the Nationalist Government to accomplish anything real in the way of dealing with the pirates at Bias Bay is the more culpable in that Canton disdainfully waved aside all offers of help, when the assistance that could have been rendered by the Hong Kong Government, through the agency of His Majesty's ships in these waters, would have been ample to have dealt with the Bias Bay evil once and for all. Presumably the Nationalist Government regards it as a good joke pretending to deal with the pirates yet actually confining all efforts to serving its own special ends. But it is the National Government that is the real loser through this little game of hide-and-seek. A British ship has suffered certain material loss and a number of wealthy Chinese passengers have been seized for ransom. Unfortunate as these things must be counted, they are but minor matters compared with the discredit — if not the odium — that falls on those who pretended to undertake to make such outrages impossible. The story of the "Seang Bee" piracy will have been cabled all over the world—with that story has gone the disgrace of the Nationalist Government.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

MANY MISSIONARIES ARRIVE IN ISLAND.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, Jan. 31.

Dr. Clift has returned to the island from Nanning (in Kwangsi province) but hopes to go back again soon as his mission is short-handed.

A service in his house was well attended. Rev. F. Wilkinson gave a thoughtful address. There were so many present that it was announced that next Sunday's service will be held in the Assembly Hall.

The number is likely to be increased during the week as many missionaries have been instructed to leave their stations.

A cable has been received stating that the Hong Kong children for Chefoo School have arrived there safely.

Holes have been prepared on the island by the Botanical and Forestry Department for further tree planting in the spring, chiefly along the sides of the paths.

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TERRIBLE TOLL.

List of Bias Bay Piracies.

WHERE THE FAULT LIES.

It will be seen from the following official list of piracies committed by bands operating from Bias Bay since 1921 that over half a million dollars has been taken from deep water vessels, that many lives have been lost in these outrages and large numbers of persons kidnapped, for whom in many cases no ransom has been forthcoming.

The list furnishes a terrible indictment of the present lack of control in certain Chinese areas. Nothing practical has been done by the Chinese authorities, in spite of promises, to clear Bias Bay of these pests and travel to and from the Canton delta is undertaken at the peril of personal safety and that of valuables and merchant goods.

Precis of Piracies.

(1) S.L. "Kung Hong," 22.1.21, on the run between Hong Kong and Shan Mei. Pirated at 2.30 p.m. between Sa Mun and Shan Mei, by about 12 men armed with revolvers—Hakkas. Launch taken to Fan Lo Kong Creek, booty loaded into junks. Arms carried on board at Hong Kong concealed in buckets with false bottoms. Property to the value of $22,000 stolen. Money, jewellery and clothing stolen—no cargo stolen. (Fishing junks in and around Fan Lo Kong undoubtedly are in league with the Bias Bay Pirates).

(2) S.S. "Kwong Lee."—China Merchants S.S. Co. on Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton run, was pirated off Amoy at approximately 12.15 p.m. on December 15, 1921, while on a voyage from Shanghai to Hong Kong carrying 230 Chinese passengers. The ship was taken to Tai Sam Bay where the pirates left the ship in a junk and made for Fan Lo Kong. Pirates to the number of approximately 35 boarded the ship in Shanghai. Property, money and jewellery to the value of about $120,000 was stolen. The pirates were probably mostly natives of Fan Lo Kong and Nim Shan districts; some of them could speak English. They were armed with revolvers. One Chinese passenger was shot dead and his body through into the sea. Information was later given that the names of the leaders were:—(1) Tsang Chiu-man of Wai Chau, (2) Ng Tai-kun of Fan Lo Kong, (3) Ng Tai-hi of Fan Lo Kong. All these had previous military experience.

Pirate Methods.

(3) S.L. "Wah Sun."—Pirated between Ma Kung and Shan Mei at about 6.15 p.m. on 18.12.21 by about 10 men armed with revolvers, on the Hong Kong-Shan Mei run. Ship taken to Fan Lo Kong Creak. Money, jewellery and clothing to the value of $21,000 stolen. Pirates came on board at Ma Kung as passengers—spoke Hakka.

(4) S.L. "Wah Sun."—Also on Hong Kong-Shan Mei run. Pirated again while at anchor in Ping Hoi Harbour on 22.5.22, by several men who came alongside in sampans. Ship taken to San Liu where the robbers left in Creek. Money, jewellery and clothing stolen to the value of over $5,000.

(5) S.L. "San On."—Pirated between Tai Po and Sha Yu Chung on October 4, 1922, at about 9.30 a.m. On the Tai Po-Sha Yu Chung run. Taken to Ngo Kung where the robbers disembarked in a junk and sailed to Tau Tau Shan near San Liu (Bias Bay East). Nine men—spoke Hoklo and other dialects, armed with revolvers which they brought on board at Tai Po concealed in a clock. Money, jewellery and clothing stolen. No cargo stolen.

Famous Case.

(6) S.S. "Sui An." — Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, river steamer on Hong Kong-Macao run, pirated on November 19, 1922, about 10 miles from Macao, while on a voyage from Macao to Hong Kong, carrying approximately 60 saloon passengers, 133 second-class and 220 third-class passengers. Pirates about 60 in number boarded the ship in Macao. They shot dead two Indian guards and wounded the Captain, two guards and two passengers. Ship taken to Tsang Chau Island, N.E. of Bias Bay. Pirates left in sampans which came from the shore. Money, jewellery and clothing stolen to the value of over $34,000. Pirates spoke Hakka and Hoklo and were all armed with revolvers or rifles. Some of the mhad a knowledge of English. They were probably mostly natives of the villages in the Bias Bay area. Subsequently on information one man was arrested in a Shanghai boarding house in possession of 15 revolvers. He was supposed to have participated in the "Sui An" piracy. He was banished from Hong Kong for a period of 10 years and handed over to the French authorities in Shanghai. Several informers came forward after the piracy with information regarding the identity of the pirates but it is doubtful if any of the information was really accurate and no useful results were obtained from the information given. The piracy was reported to General Chan Kwing-ming who was then in power in Canton and a Chinese gunboat carrying troops was sent to Bias Bay. A party of Police under Inspector Boulger embarked on the gunboat to watch the proceedings. The troops landed but made little effort to locate the pirates and no useful results were obtained.

(7) S.S. "Sunning." — River steamer, Shiu Hing S.S. Co., on Hong Kong-Kongmoon run, was pirated at 8.15 p.m. on October 23, 1923, off Castle Peak while on a voyage from Hong Kong to Kongmoon. She was carrying about 300 passengers. Pirates numbered about 35 men. The ship was taken to Tsang Chau Island, Bias Bay N.E., and the pirates left in the ship's boats. The Captain, Chief Officer and one Indian guard were wounded. The pirates spoke Hakka, Hoklo, Mandarin and Punti, and were armed with revolvers which they smuggled on board in Hong Kong. Property, jewellery and money to the value of over $20,000 was stolen. It was later reported by General Hung Shiu-lun that the pirate leader's name was Tin O-tau, a native of Waichau. An informer also reported the names of several persons who were supposed to have taken part. Most of the persons mentioned came from Waichau or the Fan Lo Kong and Nim Shan districts.

The "Hydrangea" Case.

(8) S.S. "Hydrangea." — On Hong Kong-Swatow run was pirated at about 6.40 p.m. on December 27, 1923, off Single Island near Bias Bay, while on a voyage from Hong Kong to Swatow. She was carrying about 500 passengers and was taken to Bias Bay. The pirates numbered approximately 45 and spoke Hakka and Hoklo dialects. They were armed with revolvers and rifles. Money, jewellery and clothing to the value of $23,369.00 was stolen, also part of the cargo, i.e., 10 cases of piece goods to the value of $10,000. The pirates who came from Fan Lo Kong and Nim Shan districts went ashore in the ship's boats. As a result of representations made to the Chinese Authorities Commander Wong Fuk-chi under the orders of General Chan Kwing-ming carried out two expeditions against the pirates in the Nim Shan, Shan Mei and Ping Hoi districts, as a result of which seven men believed to have taken part in this piracy were subsequently shot. One of these was a pirate leader named Tin Ah-wong, the brother of Tin O-tau mentioned in connection with the "Sunning" piracy. Another pirate leader, shot, was named Tsang Kong. Several villagers who opposed the Military in the raids, in the districts mentioned, were also shot and their houses were burned. One of the pirates shot, named Lo Kan admitted participation in this piracy and gave the names of several of his confederates, he also stated that the pirates were not all acquainted with each other but were collected together by several sub leaders. His particular sub-leaders were Chu Cheong, a native of San Yu and a man named Cheung Mau-sang also of San Yu. He further stated that 39 men took part in the piracy. The arms used were presumably smuggled on board in Hong Kong. Three revolvers used in above piracy were recovered by Commander Wong Fuk-chi in his operations and returned to the Hong Kong Police. Later Commander Wong Fuk-chi carried out a raid at Ping Shan as a result of which five men believed to be pirates were shot.

(9). S.S. "Ning Shin."—Shanghai-Foochow run was pirated at approximately 3 p.m. on October 3, 1924, one day out of Shanghai while on a voyage from Shanghai to Foochow. The ship was carrying 30 cases of silver bars consigned to the American Oriental Bank, Foochow, value approximately 97,000 taels, 34 pirates boarded the ship at Shanghai as passengers. About 250 Chinese passengers were on board. One quartermaster was killed and one sailor wounded. The ship was taken to a place off Tree Point, Bias Bay, where sampans came alongside. The pirates then discharged the silver and other cargo, together with the loot taken from the passengers, into the sampans which then made for Sun Liu. The pirates who were armed with revolvers presumably smuggled their arms on board at Shanghai. They came from the Nim Shan and Fan Lo Kong districts. Communication was at once made with General Ip Kui at Waichau who sent an expedition to Nim Shan under a commander named Yung Fai-ting. It was later reported on fairly good authority that this commander succeeded in rounding up many of the pirates and recovering most of the silver bars stolen but the pirates were released on payment of a large sum and the silver bars were appropriated by his troops. However another expedition was later sent under the criers of General Hung Siu-lun with Commander Wong Fuk-chi in command. The latter corroborated the statement above regarding Yung Fai-ting and further stated that the silver had been melted down and made into silver coins. In February, 1925, Commander Wong Fuk-chi succeeded in effecting the arrest of one Sun Mau at Tai Fung. This man admitted participation in this piracy and stated that Lam Tsoi-sau (a notorious pirate, a Hakka, a native of Cheung Pai village in Fan Lo Kong district, was the leader in this piracy. He also gave the names of several of his confederates. His story was to the effect that the pirates went to Shanghai via Hong Kong in a B. & S. steamer. He stayed with others at the Hung On Boarding House in Hong Kong before leaving for Shanghai (this statement was verified and found to be true). The arms were purchased in Shanghai. 18 men accompanied him via Sha Yu Chung to Hong Kong. His share of the loot was 40 pieces of silver, $40 in one dollar coins and some serge clothing. The pirates known to him came from the Bias Bay area. There were several other pirates, unknown to him, in this gang. This ship did not come under the Hong Kong Piracy Prevention Ordinance.

Under Chinese Law.

(10) S.S. "Hong Hwa."—Ho Hong S.S. Company of Singapore, running between Rangoon, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong; Swatow and Amoy, was pirated six days out from Singapore in Lat. 14deg. 53'N.; Long. 110-24'E., on January 13, 1925, at 8.40 a.m. while on a voyage from Singapore to Hong Kong. She was carrying 357 passengers. The pirates, numbering about 30 (armed with revolvers) took the ship to Tsang Chau Island, Bias Bay and left the ship in the ship's boats taking with them money, jewellery and clothing to the value of $53,360. From information received it would appear that the pirates came mostly from Nim Shan or Fan Lo Kong and travelled to Singapore where they procured arms and boarded the ship as passengers. The leader of this gang is said to be a man named Lo Ah-chiu, a native of Fan Lo Kong. The ship carried wireless which was immediately put out of action by the pirates. Hakka and Hoklo was mostly spoken by the pirates but some spoke Fukien and a few, Punti. This ship did not come under the Hong Kong Piracy Prevention Ordinance. At the time this piracy was committed General Hung Shiu-lun and Commander Wong Fuk-chi happened to be in Hong Kong. On the suggestion of the Captain Superintendent of Police an expedition was organised consisting of members of the Navy, Army and Police in Hong Kong and headed by Commander Wong Fuk-chi. The party left for Ha Chung, Bias Bay in a naval tug where a party of some 120 of Wong Fuk-chi's soldiers were embarked and taken to Fan Lo Kong bay. A landing was effected and raids were made on Kwai Chau, Hai Chau, Nim Shan and Fan Lo Kong. The Police were present in these raids. As a result 16 men were arrested. They were in possession of various articles of property obviously illegally obtained. Some Singapore money was also found. The 16 men were sent to Wai Chau for trial, and some of the houses occupied by them were burnt, but 12 of these were released after enquiry. The four remaining prisoners were kept in custody for several months at Wai Chau but after the city fell into the hands of General Chang Kai-shek, these four were released. At Fan Lo Kong a man in one of the houses raided, fired on the troops who had come to search. This man was summarily shot he was in possession of a revolver and an automatic. He turned out to be a man called Chan Shui-wai, alias Yeung Ah-in, a well-known robber and pirate.

Bullion Loot.

(11) S.S. "Jade." Sun Cheung S.S. Co., 6 Connaught Road Central, 2nd floor, running between Haiphong, Kwong Chau Wan and Hong Kong, was pirated on February 8, 1926, 8 hours out from Kwong Chau Wan on her way to Hong Kong. She is a cargo ship, and was carrying 100 tons general cargo, and bullion valued $82,900. There were 10 third-class passengers. Seven of these were the pirates. They took the

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ship to Bias Bay, and arrived off Fan Lo Kong at 10 a.m. on February 10. The ship was taken right up the creek where it was in 3½ fathoms of water, and about 500 yards from the shore. The pirates called two sampans which took off all the pirates and the bullion. The pirates boarded the ship at Kwong Chau Wan.

(12) S.S. "Hsin Kong," China Merchants S.N. Co., was pirated on the journey from Shanghai to Canton, when she was near Swatow on March 25, 1926. The pirates took the ship to Bias Bay and transferred ashore cargo and loot from the passengers by means of a boat which was lying in readiness at an arranged spot. (S.C.M. Post I-4-26). Hong Kong Police have no report or details of this piracy.

(13) Steam Launch "Tai Yau." —H.M.S. "Durban" reports 7-3-26 as follows:—"Lei Ping-sun, 45 years, Captain of the steam launch "Tai Yau," tonnage 122 tons, owned by the Chinese Company, Swatow, states: — On March 6, 1926, I sailed from Tai Sam Mi about 6 p.m. with 47 passengers and about 80 baskets of salt fish as cargo. When leaving Tai Sam Mi, six Chinese males, who had boarded the ship before leaving as passengers, produced revolvers and seized the ship. They tied up myself, Compradore and Chief Officer and then ransacked the ship, taking all the money from the passengers. They took the ship to Fan Lo Kong, (near glass factory), where they left at about 7 a.m. today, March 7, taking all the money and some clothing with them. When leaving they told us to leave at once and go full speed or other pirates would catch us. I have never seen any of these men before and could not recognise them again." This launch is on the Sunmei-Swatow run.

(14) S.S. "Kwong Lee."—China Merchants' ship. Pirated outside Hong Kong on July 13, 1926. No report was made to Hong Kong Police.

Norwegian Ship Victim.

(15) S.S. "Sandviken." — A Norwegian vessel, left Canton for Swatow and Shanghai on August 21, 1926, with one European lady and 120 Chinese passengers on board. At about 6.30 p.m. on the same night when about 4 miles south of Waglan Light she was pirated by 38 pirates.

(16) S.S. "Hsin Fung."—Pirated on 1. 10. 1926.

(17) S.S. "Sunning."—Pirated on 16. 11. 1926. (?)

28.1.26. — Fishing Boat No. 3944, Muk Mun, outside Lyeemoon, Chinese waters. 6 pirates, Hakka. Booty $601.50. Kidnapped.—Nil.

2.2.26.—Fishing Boat No. ?, Yuet Mee, near Sam Mun Customs, Chinese waters. 5 pirates. Booty $18. Kidnapped. — nil. Boarded from a boat.

1.3.26.—Cheung Chu 110 Wu Sung Street, Cargo Boat No. 1067 V, Man King Sha, Chinese waters, Heung Shan district. Pirates unknown. Booty unknown. Kidnapped.—nil. Master shot dead, one passenger and two crew wounded.

Huge Junk Roll.

3.3.26.—Junk No. T1747H, Siu Shan, near Tai Shan. 30 to 40 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $800. Kidnapped 11. Under pretence of pickets black S/L.

3.3.26.—Junk No. T685,H Siu Shan near Tai Shan. 30 to 40 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $2,500. Kidnapped.—14. Under pretence of pickets black S/L.

4.3.26. — Fishing Boat No. 2929C, Sha Mi, Chinese waters. 6 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $200. Kidnapped 1 male. Boarded from boat taken to Sha Tau Chung.

12.3.26.—Fishing Boat No. ?, Tong Ho, near White Rock, Chinese waters, 7 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $260. Kidnapped.— Nil.

24.3.26.—Trading Junk No. T1589H, Between Tong Iu and Lin Tin, Chinese waters, junk taken to a place near the Kam Sing Pass. 12 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $848. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from launch, two women and one crew wounded.

20.4.26. — Trading Junk No. T5102H, off Tse Ling, Luk Fung District, Chinese Territory. 18 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $1,724. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from boat, one man wounded.

3.5.26. — Trading Junk No. T3075H, Tai Shan, San On District. 5 pirates, Sun Tak dialect. Booty $660. Kidnapped. — 1 male of San On, C.T. Taken to Wong Kok. Boarded from S/L., taken to a place named Wong Kok C.C.

15.5.26. — Trading Junk No. T2435H, off Sim Neung Mui, Heung Shan District, Chinese waters. 8 pirates, Heung Shan dialect. Booty $540. Kidnapped. —Nil. Boarded from boat.

16.5.26. — Cargo Boat No. 2575V, off Mo To, Heung Shan District, Chinese waters. 12 pirates, San Wui dialect. Booty $240. Kidnapped. — 1 male. Boarded from boat, one woman wounded.

19.5.26. — Trading Junk No. T4144H, Wong Kok, Heung Shan District, Chinese waters. 12 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $758. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from Chinese gun boat flying Chinese naval flag.

Kidnapped Passengers.

20.5.26. — Trading Junk No. T1589H, Man King Sha, Heung Shan District, Chinese waters. A letter from pirates, received from Tai Sha Tau, near Canton. 20 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $3,000. Kidnapped. — 1 female and 5 males taken in the direction of Tung Kun. Boarded from S/L.

31.5.26.—Fishing Boat No. ?, Lap Sap Mi, Chinese waters. 3 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $70 recovered. Kidnapped.—Nil. Bourded from boat, six persons killed, three men sentenced to death, one discharged at Supreme Court.

20.6.26.—Fan Kwai Wing, No. 18 Gilman Bazaar, Cargo Boat No. ?, 5 miles from Tai O, N.W., Chinese waters. 3 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $250. Kidnapped. — Nil. Boarded from boat.

14.7.26.—Cargo Boat No. ?, Fuk Kin Tau, Chinese waters (near Bias Bay). 5 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $145. Kidnapped. —Nil. Boarded from boat, boat taken to a place called Kim Mun.

9.8.26. — Trading Junk No. T4780H, Tam Chau Chinese waters. 10 pirates, dialect unknown. Kidnapped. — 3 males taken ashore near Tam Chau to Ng Ka Wai Village.

26.8.26.—Junk No. T4694H, Chek Wan Bay, Pirates and dialect unknown. Booty $230. Kidnapped. — Nil. Boarded from boat flying picket flag.

3.9.26.—Junk No. T6544H, near Tai Chan Custom Station, off Chik Wan. 6 pirates taken to Shek Ki of Heung Shan district, dialect unknown. Booty unknown. Kidnapped. — 1 male. Boarded from S L. Picket Launch "Tai Sang."

8.9.26. — Trading Junk No. T1099H, Chik Wan Bay, Chinese waters. 11 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $30. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from S. L., Picket Launch "Tai Sang."

12.9.26. — Fishing Boat No. 2415, 2 miles from Ping Hoi in Bias Bay. 6 pirates, Punti dialect. Booty $235. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from sampan.

25.9.26. — Custom Launch, "Kong Mun Chai," between Kong Mun & Macao. 2 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty unknown. Kidnapped.—1 European, killed. (?)

30.9.26.—Boat No. ?, Lap Sap Mi. 6 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $100. Kidnapped.—1 male, direction unknown. Boarded from boat.

26.10.26.—Junk No. 1836, Pat Kai, Kong Mun, 10 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $5,300. Kidnapped.—6 males, 6 females, unknown place, Heung Shan district. Boarded from S/L. black in colour.

$17,000 Booty.

28.10.26.—Junk No. T1749H, Kau To San, Heung Shan district. 5 or 6 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $17,000. Kidnapped.—1 male. Boarded from 2 S/Ls.

16.11.26.—Trading Junk No. T2327H, 1 mile east of Waglan, 3 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $3,554, cargo sold by pirates at a place called Ko Lan. Kidhapped.—1 male, direction unknown. Boarded as passengers at Hong Kong.

18.11.26.—Trading Junk No. T4603H, Fuk Wing Ti, Nam Tau District. 30 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $6,835. Kidnapped.—8 males taken to Sha Cheng of San On, C.T. Boarded from junk.

10.12.26.—Trading Junk No. T3910H, Pak Tang, C.T. 9 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $1,500. Kidnapped.—4 males, 2 females. Boarded from a sampan, junk taken to a place called Tsoi Fung Kok.

1.1.27. — Trading Junk No. T1784H, off Fo Tau Mun, C.T. 3 pirates, dialect unknown. Booty $1,275. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from a small fish-buyers boat. Junk taken in the direction of Macao.

17.1.27. — Fishing Junk, Mirs Bay. 7 or 8 pirates, Hakka dialect. Booty $685. Kidnapped.—1 male. Boarded from a junk.

11.1.27.—Trading Junk No. T4089H, off Lin Tin Island. 20 pirates, Punti dialect. Booty $1,995.00 Kidnapped.—7 males and 1 females. Boarded from S/L. "Hoi Shing." Junk taken in tow to Shek Wan Bay, C.T.

12.1.27.—Cargo Boat No. unknown, between Ki Au Island and Lin Tin Island. 8 pirates, Punti dialect. Booty unknown. Kidnapped.—Nil. Boarded from a small fishing boat. Boat taken to Man Kin Sha, near Tai Ping in Tung Kung District.

SET ASIDE.

ARBITRATORS "LEGAL ERROR."

YESTERDAY'S JUDGMENT.

An arbitration award made by Mr. A. Colbourne Little was set aside by the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court yesterday on the grounds that the arbitrator had been guilty of a legal error.

The error, it was explained, consisted in not giving the applicants in the arbitration proceedings the opportunity of raising certain questions of law in the form of a special case.

The arbitration proceedings concerned the use of bricks of a certain quality in the erection of a building. The applicants were the Hang Yip Co., Ltd., and the respondents Ng Hing and Co.

Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. argued the case for applicants in asking the arbitration in favour of respondents to be set aside.

Respondents were represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C. and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

Duties of Arbitrator.

Referring to the duties of an Arbitrator, His Lordship said he was given the power to state an award, as to the whole or a part, in the form of a Special Case for the opinion of the Court, and if directed by the Court should state in the form of a Special Case any question of law arising in the course of an arbitration.

The Arbitrator's duty was to state a Special Case on request, or if he refused to do so, to delay his award until a party to the arbitration could apply to the Court for an order directing a Special Case. If the Arbitrator refused to comply with either of such requests, he was guilty of misconduct, and the Court could set aside an award made by him.

Counsel for the respondents had argued that no such application had been made, and if it had it was made on frivolous grounds and for the purposes of delay.

Without previous notice Mr. Little made his award, and asked whether he had as part of his award stated the questions of law in the form of a Special Case, replied that the remarks of Messrs. Jenkin and Zeitlyn supported his recollection "that there was not a definite request from both parties that I should state a Special Case" and added "I have taken this course in the hope of avoiding unnecessary expense to both parties."

Mr. Little relied on the fact that the request had not been made by both parties, obviously incorrect ground on which to base a refusal to state a Special Case. Neither in that letter, nor in his affidavit did he allege that he did not realise the applicants desired, in one of the three ways mentioned, to have the decision of the Court on the points of law of the arbitration.

"Not Frivolous."

There were no grounds for holding that the points of law proposed to be submitted for the decision of the Court were frivolous or for the purpose of delay. The award must be set aside on the ground of misconduct on the part of the Arbitrator.

His Lordship considered the award was also bad on the ground of an error of law, and ordered it to be set aside with costs.

Mr. Alabaster asked His Lordship to remit the case to the same Arbitrator for decision again as the misconduct was not of the type that was met with in certain cases.

His Lordship:—I was never asked to do that.

Mr. Alabaster replied that Mr. Little had not shown any desire to allocate to himself exclusive jurisdiction as they had in other cases.

His Lordship replied he had never considered it from that point of view: He had simply dealt with the argument before him, and if he was required to do that he would have to give a new judgment. His Lordship added that he was not quite certain of his powers, but if they wanted to avoid expense he might be able to order the Arbitrator to state his award in full for a Special Case.

Mr. Potter said he could not agree to that. He thought expense would be avoided by giving the judgment in the form His Lordship had given.

Refusing Mr. Alabaster's application, His Lordship said he could not consider the point as no one had given him any intimation that the matter should be remitted.

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AFTER 14 YEARS.

REV. H. COPLEY MOYLE LEAVING.

CATHEDRAL MEETING.

The probable impending departure of the Rev. H. Copley Moyle was referred to at the annual meeting yesterday of St. John's Cathedral. After reviewing the year's activities, Mr. Copley Moyle (who presided) referred to some of the changes that had taken place during the fourteen years in which he had been associated with the Cathedral.

The Chairman referred to the erection of the Cathedral Hall, to the gift of a house for the Cathedral Chaplain and to that of the beautiful and stately reredos at the East end of the Church. The interior of the Church had been much improved and the side chapel improved by the Women's Union was a devotional addition of much value.

Other new growths of great value had been the Church of England's Men's Society and the Women's Guild. St. Peter's Church was now a daughter Church and it was soon hoped to have an Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral with special charge of St. Peter's.

In addition to the Church Body they now had a Church Council on which all nationalities and both sexes could sit. The Church of England's Men's Society had made its voice felt on social matters and he (the speaker) would always be thankful that it was a sermon of his that first started Commander and Mrs. Hazlewood on their crusade to abolish the iniquitous system of slave girls or "mui tsai."

In returning thanks for the assistance received from officers and helpers, Mr. Copley Moyle said that when asked to take over the work of the Cathedral he was told that extremes of ritual were not desired. He did not like extremes himself and during his term of office had done his best to avoid them.

1926 Review.

Reviewing last year in particular, the Chairman referred to the reconstruction of the organ and the good work of Mr. Blacket who, by an ingenious device had enabled the organ to be in use during the whole time. The new organ would be re-opened, it was hoped, on February 16.

The good work of Mr. Mason with the choir in spite of constant changes in its personnel was referred to, also the concerts he had arranged for the organ fund. Mr. Mason intended to give a series of organ recitals before he went on Home leave in April.

A scheme of scholarships at Kowloon British School had been drawn up and there were several boys it was hoped would become eligible for them.

Reference was also made by the Chairman to the progress made with the Mothers' Union, under the Presidency of Mrs. Duppuy, the C. of E. Men's Society, with Mr. George Zimmern as Secretary. Mr. Fountain had had succeeded him and under the chairmanship of Sir Henry Pollock and the vice-chairmanship of Mr. Pattenden it was hoped that more useful work would be accomplished.

The Peak Cathedral Sunday Schools were growing. The Church Council would, it was hoped, take an increasingly important place in the work of the Cathedral. The Women's Guild, under the Presidency of Lady Pollock and with Mrs. Black as Hon. Secretary had done much good work inside the Cathedral and in the compound.

Since Mr. Powell left there had been no assistant Chaplain and in spite of strenuous efforts made at Home to secure one no news of an applicant had as yet been received.

The social evenings held on Sundays had been a great success.

The Chairman concluded by paying a tribute to the genial prosonce and uplifting words of the Bishop of London during his recent visit and referring to the regret they all felt at the indisposition of Bishop Duppuy whom they all hoped would return with renewed health from his visit Home.

Chits For Collection.

The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. P. S. Cassidy (Hon. Treasurer) who amongst other things referred to the practice of signing chits for collections. It was convenient for regular members but on special services when more or less strangers attended and signed chits illegibly, he thought it was another matter.

A substantial surplus was reported by the Treasurer, this being due to the bounteous provision made by the late Sir Paul Chater. There was need for two assistant chaplains in connection with the Cathedral, however, it was emphasised and in order to provide for such a staff it was up to members to see that annual subscriptions did not fall below their present level.

The "general tightening of the public's purse strings" was also referred to and the Treasurer offerpd the suggestion that when the axe had to be brought into use it should spare donations and offertories until other less worthy branches of expenditure had been trimmed.

Referring to the reconstruction of the organ, the Treasurer said that the cost of reconstruction was estimated at $14,000 of which $9,000 had been paid. The sum of $3,000 had been collected in 1924 and various contributions had come in since.

Pew Rents.

The subject of pew rents was referred to by the Chairman who referred to the compromise effected in 1920 when seats were reserved until the bell stopped at 11 in the morning and that they should be free in the evening.

The Church Body had brought the matter up again and circularised members, the result of this being that 29 had voted for the abolition of pew rents and 23 against. In view of the small majority the Chairman thought the matter should not be rushed.

Mr. Cassidy, the Hon. Treasurer, pointed out that of the $2,500 received through pew rents, $900 came from firms and it would be a question if pew rents were abolished whether these firms would increase donations instead of paying the pew rents.

Eventually, it was decided to leave the matter to the incoming Church Body.

Those present at the meeting in addition to those mentioned, included the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock and Mr. L. Forster (members of the Church Body) Sir Henry Polock and Mr. T. H. King.

The following officers were elected on the Church body. Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, T. H. King, J. A. E. Bullock, T. G. Neal, W. L. Pattenden and Col. Hayley Bell.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company sailed from Liverpool, on the Canadian Pacific liner "Metagama," for a five months' tour in Canada.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made to refloat the French cruiser "Devastation," which has been lying sunk in seven fathoms of water in Lorient Roads for the past four years. The work will be resumed shortly with fresh appliances.

It is reported that news has been received by mail from England that Major Louis Cassel, O.B.E., who was General Staff Officer and D.A.A., Q.M.G. in Hong Kong during the War, has been offered very high appointment in connection with the present crisis in China.

The approximate traffic return of the Manchester Ship Canal for November, 1926, was £126,834, compared with £112,000 in November, 1925, an increase of £14,834. The total for the 11 months of 1926 was £1,331,757, compared with £1,277,183 in 1925, or a total increase for 1926 of £54,574.

A coolie was knocked down and killed by a train on the Shanghai-Hangchow line near the Fung-ching bridge. It appears that he was walking along the sleepers, and although the train's whistle was sounded several times he took no notice, and was run down before the engine had sufficient time to pull up. The body was said to have been cut into two pieces.

According to reports in the Chinese press, Capt. Fiori, Chief of the French police, Shanghai, has sent a message to the Chinese authorities informing them that their co-operation, should a crisis come in Shanghai, would be acceptable. He has also informed the Chinese residents and the Amalgamated Association of Street Unions that their assistance would also be much appreciated. The night patrols throughout the concession have been considerably increased since the present trouble started.

A violent earthquake shock occurred at Lisbon, but no serious damage is reported.

According to the Calendar, the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlemas fall to-morrow. The day, of course, is a Bank and Customs holiday on account of China New Year.

On Thursday, the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the usual New Year ceremony (in the Chamber's premises) at 8 p.m., when refreshments will be served.

Marza Irza Davoud Khan Mefiah, new Minister from Persia to the United States.

The Volunteeer Defence Corps turned out in commendably strong numbers for the second route march through the City yesterday, the route being by way of Garden Road and the Praya to West Point and back through Queen's Road. The Scottish company provided the band. There were over 400 present. Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird and Capt. D. Logan led the Corps.

No. 17, Wing Fung Street was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday by order of the mortgagee. Mr. Cheung Tsai became the purchaser for $8,600.

The motorship "Saaremaa" has disappeared without leaving a trace while between Reval and Helsingfors. An explosion is reported to have been sighted at sea about the spot where the missing ship ought to have been at the time. It is supposed that she struck a floating mine, several of which have recently been discovered in the Gulf of Finland.

One of the first ventures of its kind in Malaya, the Checker Stores, opened in Old Market Square, Kuala Lumpur, really represents a "Woolworth's" of the East. Over a thousand different articles are offered, the price of none exceeding 50 cents, and the goods include E.N.P. work, saucepans, hairbrushes, cutlery and scores of novelties. There are, of course, many items priced at 10 cts., 20 cts., and upwards, and one of the most attractive conveniences of the shop is that one can buy a book of vouchers of various values at, we believe, the price of $7.50 for $8 worth of tickets.

It will no doubt be of interest to many to learn that the Bishop of London has kindly consented to take the chair on June 29 at the annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Association at Victory House, Leicester Square, London. The fact that his Lordship has so recently stayed in the Colony will help tremendously towards linking up those who have the interests of this diocese at heart both here and at Home. Those who are likely to be in England this summer should send their names in so that invitations may be sent to them. It is also possible that many in the Colony may have friends at Home who would like invitations. All names and addresses should be sent in as soon as possible to the Diocesan Chaplain, Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, Hong Kong.—*Contributed.*

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. R. Valiram, one of the proprietors of Pohoomull Brothers, who has been visiting Malaya, left for Hong Kong via Saigon by the s.s. "Angkor."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. H. dos Remedios, bank assistant, No. 606, Avenue Joffre, Shanghai, to Miss Phyllis Maria d'Almada Castro, No. 1, Lyemun Villas, Mody Road, Kowloon.

Col. Corestes Ferrara, famous duellist, who is the new Ambassador from Cuba to the United States. During a life full of adventure, the Colonel, who is 51 years old, has fought more than a score of duels. Born in Naples, he served under Gomez in the Cuban war of liberation.

Twenty-five tons of air a minute is the pumping capacity of a new mine fan, the largest ever built. That is a blowing capacity of 700,000 cubic feet of air every minute and requires 650 horsepower of electricity to operate. Powerful air control of this type prevents dust and other explosions in mines, besides protecting the health of workmen. The fan will be operated at an altitude of 4,400 feet above sea level in South Africa and, with engine and other equipment installed, will cost nearly 36,000 dollars.

A message from Pisa announces the death of Vice-Admiral Simonetti, commander-in-Chief of the Italian navy.

The marriage has taken place in Singapore of Mr. Edward Henry King-Harman of Jalan Acob, Kabar, F.M.S., to Miss Mabel Grace Whitaker, of Exmouth, Devon, England.

Miss Collier, whose death took place at Home recently, went to Malaya about July of last year and was Lady Medical Officer at the General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur.

A new way to keep tennis balls in perfect condition has been found (observes the "Children's Newspaper.") Shops at present keep them in cardboard boxes with little partitions, as in egg-boxes, but they do not keep very well like this. They are now being packed in airtight tins, with air compressed 20 pounds to the square inch, the same pressure as is maintained inside the balls by the modern methods of manufacture.

The death has occurred in Tientsin of Mr. Augustus Henry Jacques, one of the port's oldest foreign residents. Mr. Jacques spent 80 years of his life in Tientsin, receiving the China Medal for services in the Boxer rising. In the Great War he joined the Royal Engineers and attained the rank of Major. He leaves a widow in London, and one son, Victor, who is engaged with a law firm at Bangkok. He received a military funeral.

Just how much blood does each one of us have in his body? asks a Home paper. This has been a puzzling question all through the centuries of medicine, and only recently have experiments been made through which the approximate weight of the blood has been found. Naturally, not every one has the same amount of blood. As might be expected, it varies with the weight of the rest of the body. If you divide the weight of your body by twenty you will get approximately the total weight of your blood. This applies to healthy men, as determined by the experiments. Whether woman have more or less blood in proportion has not yet been determined.

Prof. A. Langsner, M.L.L.C., sailed from Hong Kong for Manila this morning on the round-the-world liner "President Harrison."

Among the many passengers who sailed this morning from Hong Kong on the "President Harrison" (for Europe via Manila and New York) were Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Huntingdon and Dr. J. H. Franklin.

A former Senator and former Secretary of State Mr. Elihu Root, who won the $25,000 Wilson Peace Prize for his invaluable work in aid of World Court. He suggested means of picking judges for the International Tribunal.

Glass has certainly come into its own again (says the "Weekly Dispatch.") Flowers in all colours destined to float in shallow bowls are being made in it. Glass heels to evening shoes are a Cinderella-like novelty, though deceptive, the heel being in reality of wood thinly covered with the glass. Glass tubes are now used to hold both shampoo powders and bath salts, each containing enough for one shampoo or tub, and are convenient for travellers.

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SPORT ENGAGEMENTS FOR TWO DAYS.

MANY TO CHOOSE FROM.

Sport enthusiasts will have many engagements to choose from for to-morrow and Thursday, being the China New Year holidays, as follow:—

Interport Soccer: Wednesday, Hong Kong v. Shanghai, H.K.F.C. ground, kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Thursday, Southern China v. Eastern China, Sookumpoo, kick-off 3.30 p.m.

To-morrow night there will be a dance for the Interport footballers at Lane, Crawford's restaurant and the balance of the programme has already been announced.

Cricket: H.K.C.C. v. United Services; H.K.C.C. ground, annual match, both days.

Golf: China New Year meeting at Fanling, both days.

Point-to-Point: for the Mounted Infantry of the Volunteers, at Fanling, on Thursday, for Cup presented by Col. F. Hayley-Bell.

It is also understood that the 2nd/Suffolks (coming from Gibraltar) are to play a soccer match on the Kowloon ground, on Thursday against one of the local Service teams, probably the 2nd/K.O.S.B.'s.

STEEPLECHASES.

ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

RACES AT KWANTI.

For the steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt at Kwanti on Feb. 12, the following entries have been received:—

1. 3.15 p.m.—The Maiden Plate,—1½ Miles.
Mr. L. Reidy, Isostacy.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Kwan Tao.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Kwong Sai.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Spaghetti.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Formidable.
Mr. J. F. Pym, Aces Up.
Dr. J. C. Macgown, Drake.
Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Tam.
Mr. W. F. Simmons, Smart Guy.
Lt. P. O. Roberts, Four-of-a-Kind.
Mr. A. H. Potts, Two Pairs.
Mr. R. H. Charles, Teddy.

2. The Fanling Handicap—1¾ Miles.
Mr. L. Reidy, Mowgli.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Kwan Tao.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Kwong Sai.
Capt. G. H. R. Abbott, Rivergrass.
Dr. J. C. Macgown, Blotting Paper.
Mr. A. N. Lucey, Country Mouse.
Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Tam.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, Fireworks.
Mr. R. H. Charles, Chessman.
Mr. A. H. Potts, Craigavad.

3. The Tally and Ho Foxhunters Steeplechase—2 Miles.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Kwan Tao.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Spaghetti.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Benjamin.
Dr. J. C. Macgown, Blotting Paper.
Com. E. Broadley, Urgent.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, Fireworks.
Mr. R. H. Charles, Chessman.
Mr. A. H. Potts, Two Pairs.
Mr. A. H. Potts, Craigavad.

4. The China New Year Stakes—2 Miles.
Mr. L. Reidy, Mowgli.
Mr. W. T. Stanton, Reynolds.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Spaghetti.
Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Formidable.
Mrs. R. J. Peterson, Cherlton Vale.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, Rothesay.
Mr. R. H. Charles, Chessman.

5. The United Services Races, 1½ Miles.
Mr. J. F. Pym, Aces Up.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara, James Pigg.
Mr. F. T. Orr, Sheila.
Capt. G. H. R. Abbett, Rivergrass.
Dr. J. C. Macgown, Drake.
Dr. J. C. Macgown, Blotting Paper.
Mr. A. Nissin, Zircon.
Com. E. Broadley, Urgent.
Mr. W. F. Simmons, Smart Guy.
Capt. V. F. Browne, Bertram.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, Fireworks.
Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, Rothesay.
Lt. P. O. Roberts, Four of a Kind.
Mr. A. MacCartney, Gymp.

THE MONEY IN TENNIS.

New York, Jan. 31.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen has received G$100,000 as the proceeds of a four months' season as a lawn tennis professional.

Her contract guaranteed her G$60,000 and 50 per cent. of gate receipts.

Miss Mary Browne (U.S.A.) has received G$30,000 and 5 per cent. of the receipts.

Vincent Richards receives G$85,000.

Their manager, Pyle, receives between G$50,000 and G$75,000.

He announces he is planning a world tour for Mlle. Lenglen, including Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and Australia.—Reuter's American Service.

ADAMSON CUP.

In the Adamson Cup, January qualifying competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Happy Valley, J. McCubbin was the winner. His score was 93; less handicap of 12 equals 81.

The next qualifying competition will be from Feb. 5 to 15.

HOME F.A. CUP.

DRAW FOR FIFTH ROUND PROPER.

CLUBS FOR FEBRUARY 19.

London, Jan. 31.

The draw was made to-day for the fifth round proper of the Football Association Cups (to be played on Feb. 19) and resulted as follows:—

Wolverhampton v. Hull or Everton.
Chelsea v. Burnley.
Port Vale or Arsenal v. Liverpool.
Leeds or Bolton v. Cardiff.
Southampton v. Newcastle.
Millwall v. Middlesborough.
Reading v. West Ham or Brentford.
Sheffield Wednesday or South Shields v. Swansea.—Reuter.

[Note:—Bolton Wanderers are the holders.]

IN THE LEAGUE.

Two Mid-Week Matches.

London, Jan. 31.

Matches played to-day in the English League (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I.
Aston Villa 0, Cardiff 0.
Division III (South).
Charlton 3, Merthyr 2.
—Reuter.

ANOTHER FIGHT.

Londoner's Chance for Flyweight Title.

New York, Jan. 31.

It is reported that Fidel La Barba (the American flyweight boxing champion of the world) has been matched to fight Ted Baldock of London in May for G$15,000 guaranteed by an American.

The title will not be at stake.—Reuter's American Service.

YACHT CLUB.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Yesterday the postponed first championship race for ladies of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was sailed to Channel Rocks (port), Kowloon Rock (port), mark on Club line (starboard), Cust Rock buoy (starboard), finish at the Club (5.5 miles).

Positions in the races (on corrected time) are given with points to date:—

Handicap Class.
La Linda, 1st, 43 points.
Falcon, 2nd, 30½ points.
Colleen, 3rd, 43 points.
Diana, 4th, 36 points.
Dorothea 19, Argulla II 5½, Rolla 0.

Combined Class.
Thecla, 1st, 105 points.
Boojum, 2nd, 131 points.
Bluenose, 3rd, 128 points.
Zephyr, 4th, 80 points.
Joan, 5th, 54 points.
Why Wonder?, 6th, 89 points.
Ailsa, 7th, 94 points.
Gael, 8th, 89 points.
Pierrette 59, Sealark 35, Halcyon 14, Adele 14, Lola 12, Bonito 0, Viking 0, Adanac 0, Sirius 0.

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The championships for ladies are now complete. The first three for the season in the Combined Class (i.e., Gaela, One Designs and Hayward Hays) are:—1st Boojum, 2nd Bluenose, 3rd Thecla.

In the Handicap Class, La Linda (Mrs. Ratsey) and Colleen (Miss Hazeland) tie for first place with 43 points each. A special match is necessary to decide the tie. Diana takes third place in this class.

TENNIS FINALS.

PATTERSON CHAMPION IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Jan. 31.

In the finals of the Australian lawn tennis championships, Gerald Patterson beat J. B. Hawkes 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6, 6-3.

In the doubles Patterson and Hawkes beat Wood and McInnes 8-6, 6-1, 6-2.—Reuter.

CHAMPION BOWLER'S DEATH.

Mr. Thomas Williams, 57, who won the single-handed bowls championship of Australia at Adelaide five years ago, and two years later won the rink championship of Australia, has died at Ballarat.

Four years ago he went to England with the Australian bowlers, and recently played with Victoria against the British bowlers.

ANGLO-DANISH BOXING.

Copenhagen, Jan. 9.

The Imperial Services boxing team was beaten in the Anglo-Danish tournament by 9 matches to 2.

$1,500 GOLF.

SCOTSMAN CHAMPION OF TEXAS.

BOBBY CRUICKSHANK.

San Antonio, Jan. 31.

Bobby Cruickshank of the Progress Club (the Scottish ex-amateur champion) won the Texas open golf championship and U.S. $1,500 with a score of 292 strokes for 72 holes.—Reuter's American Service.

GOLF CLUBHOUSE.

KITTENS RESCUED BY A WOMAN.

An outbreak of fire occurred on the premises of the Fulwell Golf Club, Hampton Hill, shortly after midnight in mail week.

Some few weeks ago a building was gutted within a few yards of the scene of this outbreak.

Mr. Randall, the caretaker, whose house adjoins the club, was awakened by the cry of "Fire!" and, with his wife and a Mr. Burbell, rushed downstairs and out of the house to find the club dining hall a mass of flames.

Within a few minutes the Teddington and Twickenham Fire Brigades were on the scene, but despite their efforts the building was quickly gutted, and their attention was directed to saving the nearby buildings.

Mrs. Randall, when first awakened, first thought of two kittens which were on the premises, and searched until she found them and brought them to safety in her arms.

OVER DONE?

YONG MEN AND SPORT TO-DAY.

The view of Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, the Senior Master of the Supreme Court and the King's Remembrancer—who returned to active practice at the English Bar at 71 years of age—that young men give too much time to sport, is endorsed by Sir Frank Dicksee, the president of the Royal Academy.

Sir Frank, who is nearly 73, is still actively engaged in portrait painting, and in addition finds time to do a large amount of work in connection with the Royal Academy. He said recently that he never gets to bed before 1 a.m., adding:—

"There is no doubt that more men are giving energetic service to their profession who have passed the three-score years and ten, but this, I think, is because the hard drinking, hard living days have passed.

"On the other hand, some men cannot concentrate so long on one subject as others, and it is impossible to lay down any hard-and-fast rules. Nevertheless, I feel that too much importance is attached to sport and not enough to work."

PREACHES TOO.

JOCKEY WHO RODE AT NEWMARKET.

Among the jockeys who rode in the Cesarewitch at Newmarket was Jack Jennings, the Chantilly rider, who is known in French racing circles as "Preacher Jack."

He had the mount on Mr. James Hennessy's Take My Tip, a bay colt, which won the Grand Prix last June, and in consequence had the big weight for a three-year-old of 8st. 2lb.

"Preacher Jack," when not engaged in riding winners, conducts services for stable lads.

Sport & Christianity.

He is a licensed lay preacher of the Church of England, and has delivered a sermon on "Sport and Christianity" at the English church at Maisons Lafitte.

He is not in favour of the Sunday racing which is so prominent a feature of French sport, although he recognises that jockeys are not always their own agents in the matter.

Jennings rode Filibert de Savoie, the horse which finished second to Massines in the Ascot Gold Cup in 1924.

SCOTTISH RUGGER "CAPS."

London, Jan. 10.

The following is the Scottish rugby team chosen to meet France at Murrayfield on January 22:—

D. Drysdale (Heriots); Ian Smith (Edinburgh University, G. Macpherson (Edinburgh Acas.), J. Dykes (Glasgow Acas.), W. Simmers (Glasgow Acas.); H. Waddell (Glasgow Acas.), J. Nelson (Glasgow Acas.), J. Bannerman (Glasgow High School), J. Ireland (Glasgow High School), D. Davies (Hawick), J. Graham (Kelso), J. Paterson (Birkenhead Park), J. Scott (Stewarts), A. Gillies (Watsonians), and J. Allan (Melrose).

[Reuter subsequently cabled Scotland's victory.]

TIGER FLOWERS BEATEN.

Los Angeles, Jan. 25.

Leo Lomski of Aberdeen, Washington, the coming middleweight of America, took a ten-round decision from "Tiger" Flowers, the sporting Florida preacher, and former middleweight champion of the world, here last night.—"China Press."

GENE TUNNEY.

AN OFFER BY ANOTHER PROMOTER.

FIGHT FOR THE TITLE?

New York, Jan. 25.

The most attractive offer for a display of his talent in the ring will decide the promotion of his first title bout, Gene Tunney said to-day.

After a conference with Humbert Fugazy, the heavy weight boxing champion said that Fugazy had made him a "very liberal offer."

"Fugazy's offer was the first concrete one I have had," the title-holder continued.

"There was nothing said about an opponent. That will be a matter for the promoter to decide."—"China Press."

TEST BONUSES.

DISSATISFACTION REGARDING AMOUNT.

AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS.

Melbourne, Jan. 11.

According to the newspapers, members of the Australian cricket team, which recently toured England are most dissatisfied with the bonus granted them.

Apparently they expected about £350. It is even stated that some of the New South Wales players will refuse to play against Victoria as a protest.

[An earlier Sydney message stated:—The Board of Cricket Control has decided to grant a bonus of £250 to each member of the Australian team which recently visited England, including the manager. The scorer will receive £75.

Future teams will consist of 15 players, whose remuneration will be fixed and bonuses discontinued.]

£33,000 GROUND.

NEW PLAYING FIELD FOR LONDON.

Proposals for providing London with a new open space, forty-six acres in extent, devoted entirely to playing fields, were approved in mail week by the London County Council. The ground concerned is now part of Charlton Park and is to be acquired for Greenwich Borough Council for £22,250. The lay-out is estimated at £11,555, so that the total cost will be £33,805.

Mr. E. H. Kemp, the chairman of the Parks Committee, stated that facilities of this nature were urgently required in the South-East of London to meet the needs of the densely-populated area. The scheme of layout provided for twelve football pitches, thirteen cricket pitches, thirteen lawn tennis courts, and a number of courts for other games. Dressing accommodation, etc., would also be provided for both sexes. The committee was also proposing to consider at a later date the question of providing a running track in the park.

HIS MISTAKE.

BILLIARDS PROFESSOR IN TROUBLE.

A police raid on Inman's Club, Ltd., resulted in Melbourne Inman, described as the principal proprietor, being fined £100 at Bow Street Court for selling intoxicating liquor without a licence. Costs amounted to 50 guineas.

Lennox Robertson was fined £20, and the club was fined £100. A summons against Mrs. Inman was withdrawn.

The prosecution stated that the company's authorised capital was £1,200, Mrs. Inman holding 600 shares, and Inman one. The liquor profits went to the Inmans.

For the defence, it was contended tha tthe club was bona-fide, and was used by billiards enthusiasts, whom Inman occasionally taught. Inman thought he was entitled to sell liquor.

GEORGE DUNCAN AGAIN.

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.

George Duncan (the British professional) failed to qualify in the $10,000 golf tournament, with a card of 158.

Harry Cooper, his recent conqueror, headed the list, with three others, with cards of 141.

WORLD BILLIARDS MATCH.

New York, Jan. 25.

Erwin Rudolph of Chicago stripped Roland Greenleaf of his world pocket billiard titles last night by 450 to 384.—"China Press."

FLOODS IN PERAK.

ROAD TRANSPORT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

Ipoh, Jan. 20.

Since December 26 the only traffic between Penang and Perak across the Perak River has been by railway as the only other crossing, namely the pontoon bridge at Enggor, was washed away.

The pontoon is now restored, but the road to the bridge, two miles to the north, will take six days more to repair.

Meanwhile, Lumut and the Dindings have also been cut off for 26 days by the Blanja ferry being out of commission, thus still isolating Sitiawan and holding up 50 cars on the Ipoh side.

The Perak Flood Relief Fund which is closing to-morrow has reached $105,000.

WHILE ASLEEP.

SOME JEKYLL-AND-HYDE PEOPLE.

QUEER THINGS THEY DO.

The Coroner for Westminster (Mr. Ingleby Oddie), who is qualified alike in law and medicine, has just returned a verdict of "Accidental death" in the case of an octogenarian who, with his ankles tied with string, fell from a high window at his chambers in Northumberland-avenue, W.2. "He fell from his window while walking in his sleep," was the rider to the verdict.

Old though the victim, Mr. Henry Stovel, was, he was in perfect health, of regular habits, temperate, and the last man likely to take his own life. A professional contortionist, a few days before, hung suspended from a crane in Piccadilly, and while in that position wriggled out of a strait-jacket.

Referring to this episode, the Coroner said that Mr. Stovel may have seen at his club a picture of the feat, then have dreamed about it, and, in a muddle-headed sort of way, have got out of bed and automatically and unconsciously tried to reproduce the trick of the contortionist, tying the string round his feet, seemingly meaning to suspend himself from the window.

The Coroner remarked that he had personal knowledge of sleep-walkers who did extraordinary things. This statement is borne out by many medical men, one said to "Reynolds's:"

Some Curious Instances.

There is the well-authenticated instance of the first Napoleon, who, angry at the tactics of one of his generals in a battle, walked from his tent into the quarters of the offending leader, exclaiming: "It might have lost the day you nincompoop!"

He returned to his own tent, and declared on the following morning that he was unaware of having left his quarters during the night.

I myself had a patient who was accustomed to perform strange antics during sleep. One of them came about through his passion for Tennyson's "Knights of the Round Table."

The casting of the sword "Excalibur" into the lake so affected him that, early one morning, he left his house at Hampstead and, taking with him a short sword which hung in the hall, swung it round several times and then flung it into one of the ponds on the Heath.

He was so observed and awakened. He was so prone to do strange and even stupid things in his sleep that he had to engage a man to watch him from sunset to sunrise.

When the imagination is strong, it is sometimes found that a man or a woman takes on an additional personality. It may assume the form of some hero or of a person of objectionable character.

This second self generally operates during sleep. Not long ago a father brought his son to me. The boy, who was at a Public School, had been sent down because he had been found stepping lightly through the dormitories and stealing from the pockets of other boys.

Ordinarily the lad was bright, honest, and well-behaved. But he had been caught in the act of thieving, with the result stated.

I examined him and found that he was constantly dreaming. He had also been accustomed to read sensational trash.

Among the pile was a small volume which bore the title, "The Scoundrel of the Fifth Form," and in this the leading character actually robbed the boys while they were asleep.

He was susceptible to hypnotic influence, and when in that condition he gave away the secret of his trouble. He had actually assumed the personality of the fifth form sinner in the story.

Of course, there was no question of the school authorities accepting this explanation, and he did not return to the school.

I insisted that he should have treatment, part of which was work in the open air, and I believe that his indiscretions have ceased for ever.

Though I have not personally known an instance in which a murder has been committed under the influence of somnolent mania, there have been such cases.

There was one not very long since in France, in which a man slew a person for whom, apparently without cause, he had conceived a violent hatred.

Ordinarily the assassin was a peaceable, respectable citizen. Yet he committed the crime in ghastly and cold-blooded fashion.

Doctors came to the conclusion that he had committed the murder while asleep, and under the control of an overwhelming obsession. He was found "Guilty," but was not sent to the guillotine.

The late George R. Sims once told me that when he was creating the plot of his famous play, "The Lights of London," he was so enthusiastic that he walked in his sleep through Regent's Park, and imagined that he saw the "cruel lamps" beckoning his village hero and heroine on their way.

It is quite an ordinary thing for novelists to dream their plots. The elder Dumas tells how he got up one night and wrote down the skeleton of an adventure story which was not the least successful of his mighty output.

The sleep-walker was once regarded as a person possessed by a spirit. Modern discoveries show that the condition of mind which begets these strange manifestations yields to treatment.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 1, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers Share and Investment Society.
T.T. on London	2/0¾	2/0¾	2/0¾
T.T. on Shanghai	78¼	78¼	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1105 n	1100 n	1080 b
do. London	£116 n	—	117½ n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£32 n.	£32 n.	—
do. C.	£13⅜ n.	£13⅜ n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ b	£10 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n.	70 n.	76 n
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	655 b	650 b	$650 b
China Underwriters	1¾ s	1 s	$1 s
North China Insurance	T145 n.	140 n	—
Union Insurance	284 b	284 b	284 n.
Yangtze Insurance	$40 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b & sa	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	30 b	30 b
Hongkong Steamboats	23½ s	24 s	24 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2¼ n.	1½ s
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 n	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	39 n	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	93/- n	96/- b	96/- n
Star Ferries	54¾ x d b	55 b	55 b
Water-boats	13¾ b x d	14 x d, b	14 x. d b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s		
Malabon Sugars	34 n.	20½ b 21½ s	20½ b
Mining.		35 s	36 n.
Benguets	1.30 n	—	
Kailan Mining Ad.	38/- n		
Langkats (Combined)	$25 n	42/6 n.	40/- n.
do. (Single)	12½ n	15 n	25 n
Shanghai Exploration	T4½ n	12 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	T8 n	5 n.	—
Raubs	3¾ s.	8 n	—
Tronoh Mines	21/- b	3.40 b	3½ n.
Ural Caspians	8/- n	21/- b	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	110 b 111 sa	110 b	109 b
H.K. & W. Docks	40 s	38 b 40 s	40 s
Hongkews	T165 n	—	165 n
New Engineerings	T5 n	5 s	6 n
Shanghai Docks	T101 b	105 s	105 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.10 b	7½ sa	7.10 b
Hongkong Lands	57 b 57¾ sa	57¼ b 57½ 3/4	57½ b 57¾ sa
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 s [sa	6 s
H.K. Territorial	2½ s.	3 s.	3 s
Humphreys Estates	13 60 b	13¾ b 13½ s	13½ b
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1½ n		
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T9 s	8 s	8 s
Orientals	T2¼ n	2½ s.	2½ s
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 n	54 n	54 n.
do. (new)	T27 n	28 n.	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	9 s	7.90 n	7¼ s
do. (old)	7½ n.	7¼ n	6 s
do. (new)	1¾ b	1 n	1½ b
China Buses	9½ b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14¼ b	14 b	14 n
do. (old)	11 n	10½ b	10½ n
do. (new)	7¾ b	7½ b	8 n
China Prov.	4¼ b	4 b	4 b
Dairy Farms	18¼ n	16¾ b	16¾ b
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	17. 0 b	17 b	16 b
H.K. Constructions	2 b	2.20 b	2¼ b
Hongkong Electrics	59 b	59 b	58 b
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 s	10 s	9½ s
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	21 80 b 22 sa	21¾ b 21.85 sa	21.90 b
Lane, Crawfords	8 n	7 s	7 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.60 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b	15 b
do. (new)	7½ n	8 n	7½ s
Sinceres	9½ s	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	13/- s	10/- s	10/- s
Taxis	1 s	70 c b	70 Cts s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	12 b	12½ b	12 n
Wm. Powells	6½ n	5 b	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3½ b	3¼ b	3.40 b

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 1st February 1927.

On London—
Bank, Wire ... 2/-
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30 day's sight ...
4 months' sight 2/1
Credits, 4 months' sight 2/1-13/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 2/1-15/16
On Paris—
On demand ... 1270
Credits, 4 months' sight 1270
On Berlin—
On demand ... nom.
On New York—
On demand ... 5
Credits, 60 days' sight 5
On Bombay—
Wire ... 137½
On demand
On Calcutta—
Wire ... 137½
On demand
On Singapore—
On demand ... 69½
On Manila—
On demand ... 100½
On Shanghai—
On demand ... nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)
On Yokohama—
On demand ... 108½
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) $9.45
Silver (per oz.) 27 9/16
Bar Silver in Hongkong ... ¾ % p.m.
Chinese Copper Cash ... nom.
Chinese Copper Cash ... 6 % pm
Rate of Native Interest ... 7 % p.a.
Chinese Pub. Coin ... ¼ % dis.
Hongkong Pub. Coin ... ¼ % prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

	Rugby, January	
Paris	123.10	31
New York	4.85	

Brussels	24.88
Geneva	25.21
Amsterdam	12.14⅛
Milan	113½
Berlin	20.47
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.75
Vienna	34.30½
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192½
Madrid	28.97½
Lisbon	2 17/32
Athens	361¼
Rio	5⅞
Buenos Aires	46 15/32
Bombay	1/8 1/16
Shanghai	2/8
Hongkong	2/0¾
Yokohama	2/0 5/16
Silver Spot	27 9/16
Silver Forward	27 5 16

—British Wireless Service.

I was standing quite near the Queen of Spain when she left Victoria for Paris, en route for Madrid, and noticed how really upset she seemed when the train went out from the station (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer.) Princess Beatrice was tearful and Lady Patricia Ramsey and Princess Arthur of Connaught were blowing kisses and waving till the train had gone. I learn on the authority of a distinguished Spaniard that both the King and Queen of Spain have invited the Prince of Wales to visit Madrid, but nothing has been settled, so far.

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RADIO TOPICS

RADIO FOR BLIND.

BRITISH FREE LICENCES CONCESSION.

The Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons Facilities) Bill having received the Royal Assent, blind persons, on application to the local authorities in whose books they are registered, will be entitled to free wireless licences on and after Jan. 1. Captain Ian Fraser, M.P. for St. Pancras, N., who is himself blind, explained in an interview that in order to obtain a free licence a blind person should make application in person or in writing to the council of the county or county borough in whose area he or she lives for a certificate stating that he or she is a registered blind person. When this certificate has been received—which will not be for a few weeks—the blind person should present it to his or her local post-office, when a free licence will be issued. Practically all blind persons are already registered in the books of the local authorities, but those who are not should worthwith make application for consideration of their names. In the Administrative County of London application for a certificate should be made to the Metropolitan and Adjacent Counties Association for the Blind, Denison House, 296, Vauxhall Bridge-road, London, S.W., who act as the agent of the London County Council in registration matters.

A concession has been made by the Postmaster-General regarding wireless licences held by blind people which should have been renewed during the past month or so. Viscount Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster-General, in a letter to Captain Fraser states that if there is delay in issuing certificates no legal action will be taken against a blind person who was prevented through this delay from obtaining a free licence. Further, if the licence is in renewal of a licence which expired before the end of the current year, the free licence will be dated back to the proper date of renewal, and 10d. a month will be collected for the period of use without a licence in 1926. The free licence will then expire at the end of twelve months from the proper date of renewal, and will itself be renewable, on production of a certificate, on the anniversary of the proper date of renewal.

RADIO INQUIRY.

A ROYAL COMMISSION IN AUSTRALIA.

The Federal Cabinet has decided to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole position of wireless in Australia, according to a statement made by Mr. George A. Taylor, president of the Association for the Development of Wireless in Australia.

The decision was arrived at, Mr. Taylor said, in response to requests by the association.

The Acting Prime Minister (Dr. Page) will shortly announce the personnel of the commission, the date of sitting, and full particulars.

The request for a Royal Commission was also made at a conference of radio interests, held in Sydney some time ago, of which Mr. Taylor was chairman.

The points brought before the Federal Cabinet were:—

(1) The establishment of a Commonwealth department of radio control.

(2) The matter of the latitude of transmitting and receiving stations.

(3) The provision of the best facilities for country broadcasting and receiving (probably by means of relay stations).

(4) Wave lengths.

(5) Better technical control of radio establishments.

Mr. Taylor says that only one-sixteenth of radio listeners in N.S.W. are situated outside the metropolitan area. Radio is a boon to the man on the land, but at present he can only overcome long distances by buying expensive receiving sets.

Mr. Baldwin, speaking at the British Broadcasting Company's dinner, said that it was a matter for profound congratulation and thanksgiving that the birth of broadcasting in this country had been attended by such men as had controlled the policy of their board. So long as the new board was animated by the spirit of the old there could be no fear as to the future of broadcasting.

AUTOMATIC PHONE.

ROTARY SYSTEM STARTED IN SPAIN.

3,800 KILOMETRES LONG.

The China Electric Co., Ltd., Shanghai, inform the "China Mail" that they have received a cable from New York about the rotary automatic telephone exchange equipment supplied by their associated company in Spain, Standard Electrica S./A.

Forty thousand lines of Rotary Automatic Telephone Exchange equipment will shortly be installed at Paris by their French associated company "Le Material Telephonique."

In addition to many other important cities throughout the world, the "Rotary System" has been adopted by the following European capitals: — Brussels, Budapest, Bucharest, Copenhagen, The Hague, Madrid and Oslo.

Distinguished Gathering.

The International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of New York are in receipt of advice from their Madrid office that on December 29 King Alfonso, General Primo de Rivera and some 200 Government officials, diplomats and leading citizens of Spain participated in the establishment of new European long distance telephone record when a conversation was carried on over a circuit 3,800 kilometres long as a feature of inauguration of "Standard" rotary automatic telephone service throughout Madrid.

The record was established in a demonstration of the lines of the nation-wide system that has been built by "Compania Telefonica de Espana" in the last 18 months, and altogether the distance covered was equal to that from Madrid to Moscow.

Under the Sea.

The circuit did not extend beyond Spanish territory.

It did, however, cross the Straits of Gibraltar by submarine cable and unite the continents of Europe and Africa.

Starting at Madrid, the circuit travelled north to San Sebastian on the Bay of Biscay, passing thence south-easterly to Barcelona on the Mediterranean, then turning westward to Madrid, deflected to the south and diving beneath the surface of the sea at Algeciras brought up at Ceuta in the Spanish protectorate of Morocco; returning northward to Madrid by another line the circuit then shot off toward Galicia, terminating at Corruna on the northwest corner of the Iberian Peninsula.

Sixteen stations responded to the roll call over this circuit, and greetings were then exchanged with the four corners of Spain.

Primo de Rivera's Reply.

The demonstration opened with a talk by the Marquis de Urquijo, President of the company, in which he described the work accomplished in the past year and a half.

General Primo de Rivera replied in the name of the Government, expressing appreciation and congratulating the company on what it had realised for the benefit of the nation's communications in such a short time.

After the roll call was completed, the King of Spain addressed the sixteen stations over the circuit, felicitating "Compania Telefonica National de Espana" and the Spanish Nation upon the important advance which had been made in the telephone service of the country and expressing his satisfaction.

Formal Opening by the King.

This event was preliminary to formal opening by King Alfonso of the new Madrid local telephone system, completely installed in fourteen months' time by "Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana," replacing with "Standard" rotary automatic equipment and underground cables, the old manual switchboards and overhead lines simultaneously throughout the capital, and was loudly acclaimed by the public who had endured many years of inadequate facilities.

Madrid is second in the series of nineteen cities in which "Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana" will convert the telephone service to rotary automatic within the coming three years.

An energetic campaign is expected to be waged against unlicensed listeners, the number of whom is estimated by a B.B.C. official to be about half a million.

PLACE NAMES.

BROADCASTING PRONUNCIATION PROBLEMS.

Mr. A. Lloyd James, Lecturer in Phonetics at the London School of Oriental Studies and Secretary of the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Spoken English, was interviewed in reference to the B.B.C.'s new rules of pronunciation, and particularly the matter of place-names. He said:—

My concern is with the type of English sent out from 2LO. The B.B.C. is the biggest purveyor of English speech, and it has become necessary to endeavour to arrange that the type of speech used is acceptable throughout the very large area served. The accepted pronunciation of various words will differ greatly in London, Rochdale, Aberdeen, and Belfast, and my committee has no desire to establish a uniform type of English. There is a desire, however, to eliminate from the B.B.C. announcements any features likely to cause offence or widespread criticism.

"It is necessary to avoid seeking to establish too close a relationship between orthography and pronunciation in the English language, because the position is so obscure and so lacking in general principle that it is quite impossible to draw any broad conclusion. One of the tasks of one Advisory Committee is to settle which one of many alternative pronunciations the officials of the B.B.C. shall use in the discharge of their duties. There is no desire to set up as the educators of the general public in pronunciation."

"Nay-Worth" or "Nar-Worth?"

Dealing with the subject of place-names, Mr. James said difficulty arose over the proper pronunciation of a little hamlet of which the general community had never heard until a level crossing accident occurred there. He referred to Naworth. The B.B.C. announcer had to read that name, and made a mistake. He called is "Nayworth," whereas the vicar and other local residents had written stating that the proper pronunciation was "Narworth." It had been suggested that a dictionary of such place-names would be a very useful work of reference, and he had appealed through the Press and over the microphone for particulars of any such names with the accepted local pronunciation.

Spreading his hands over his crowded table, Mr. James said he had received many hundreds of letters in response, and some of them contained exceedingly valuable lists of names, with the accepted pronunciation. Even when the local pronunciation was ascertained, it did not follow of necessity that the Advisory Committee would accept it. There might be special circumstances. For example, five years ago, few people had heard of Daventry, a name now familiar throughout the world. The accepted local pronunciation was "Daintry," but he had to decide whether that form was suitable for universal use. It would have been impossible for French and German people to identify "Daintry" with "Daventry," and so it had been decided that this particular name should be pronounced as spelt for B.B.C. purposes.

Village Names.

The announcer recently made a reference to Finedon, which he rendered "Fine-don," whereas the local pronunciation was "Finedon." Keighley, again, was a stumbling block to hundreds of people, and Swansea was almost invariably pronounced as though the second syllable were the letter "C." The proper form was "Swanzy."

The caller suggested that Mr. Lloyd George would almost certainly use the first form, and Mr. James admitted that this might be so, because in North Wales there was no sound corresponding to "Z." However, the Committee was not dealing with dialect, or they would easily confuse the issue. Welsh names presented considerable difficulty. For example, "Ystradgynlais" should be pronounced "Ustrad-gun-lice."

Talking of queer English names, Mr. James said one of the funniest sample that had reached him in correspondence was Congresbury, which was locally pronounced "Coomsbury." There was abundance of information about large places like Gloucester, Leicester, Worcester, and a certain amount of information about smaller places like Leominster, but practically no source of reliable information regarding the local pronunciation of the names of sundry small places. It was in regard to these mainly that the Advisory Committee desired to compile a sort of pronouncing gazetteer.

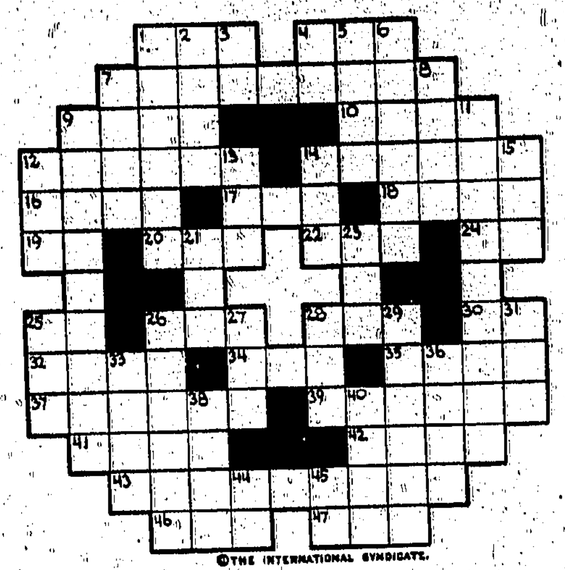
Names from the Greek.

Mr. James said that when the Advisory Committee arrived at decisions their findings were generally endorsed throughout the country, but if the pronunciation did not happen to be that favoured by a particular man he was apt to criticise the Committee, and to use all sorts of arguments in favour of his own form. A favourite argument was the etymological one. For instance, some people contended that "kinema" should be pronounced "ky-neema," because the "k" in Greek was hard. The reply of the Committee was that the word was no longer Greek but English, and they pointed out that in order to be logical they would have to pronounce "century" as "kentury," because the "c" in Latin was hard. In the view of the Committee, the adoption of a foreign word by the English language made it entirely English, giving it an English sound, English length, and English rhythm. One of the most difficult things was to decide when such a word could be conveniently and properly Anglicised. There was no agreement on this point, and so the Committee was laid open to frequent criticism.

The French Government, following the example of the British, is taking over control of broadcasting. It is assuming possession of the stations within five years and establishing a committee of officials, authors, musicians and lecturers to supervise programmes.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

1—A scout
4—Venomous serpent
7—A diploma
9—Girl's name
10—A metal
12—Small cranes on a ship
14—Declared
16—Newspaper paragraph
17—Garden tool
18—Rip
19—Note in the scale
20—A pastry
22—Article
24—A termination of numerals
25—Concerning
26—A color
28—A vegetable
30—Franc (abbr.)
32—A consul
34—Employ
35—You
37—Defeated
39—An allowance of food for a day
41—Truck
42—Mold
43—Previous usage
46—Distinguished Service Order (abbr.)
47—A unit

VERTICAL

1—A crustacean
2—Irish fuel
3—You
4—Like
5—A short literary article
6—Freebooter
7—Rescue
8—A brief letter

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

9—Contented
11—A kind of oil
12—Faded
13—Pronoun
14—To put or place
16—Arid
21—Frozen water
23—To hasten
25—A sphere
26—To hinder
27—Demand for payment
28—By means of
29—Bring into harmony
31—A booklet
33—A fish
36—Exclamation
38—Visual organs
40—So be it
44—Business concern (abbr.)
45—Act

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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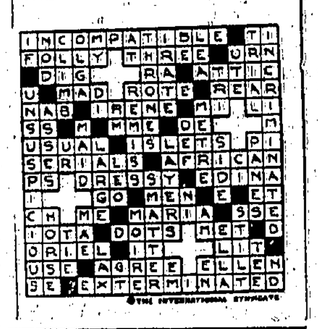

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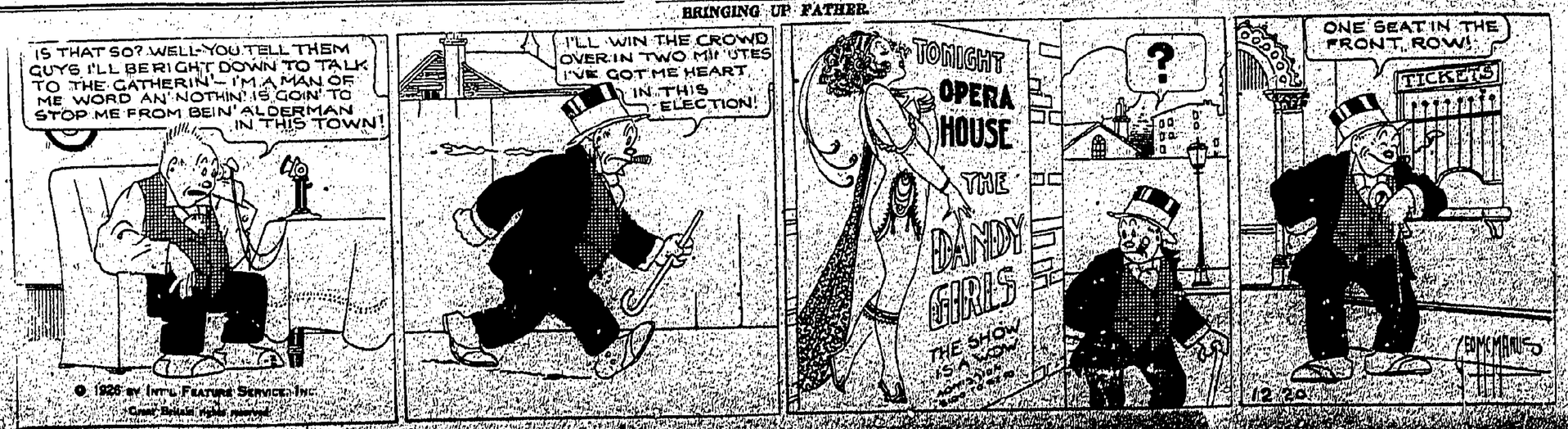

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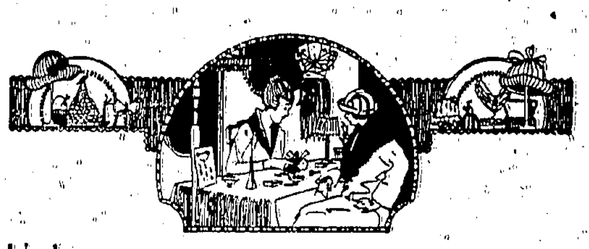

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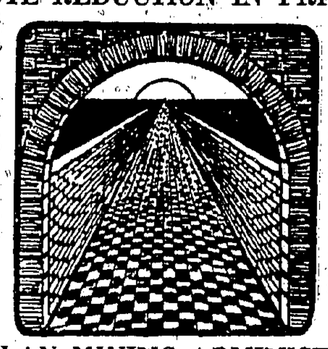

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

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Owing to the coal stoppage Brighton municipal electricity undertaking will have to face a deficit of £10,000, but the charges are not to be increased.

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The only assets reported at a Birmingham solicitor's bankruptcy examination were a metal watch, valued at half-a-crown, and his law books.

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On the Embankment at Blackfriars a motor-lorry, swerving to avoid a van, crashed into an island refuge, carrying away two posts and a lamp-standard.

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More than £15,000 was realised at Messrs. Christie's sale of old masters, including £1,782 10s. for the panel painting of the Madonna and Child by Rubens.

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The Albanian Legation in London states that the treaty of friendship concluded between Albania and Italy is a treaty of peace, and is not directed against any State.

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Thomas Devine and Peter Quinn were sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Jarrow for stealing and killing 30 homing pigeons, valued at £44, which had won many races.

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Twenty pairs of boots and shoes in one trunk and a large quantity of tobacco in another, belonging to Irish-Americans returning to Donegal for Christmas, were seized by Customs officials at Londonderry.

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The Prime Minister of New Zealand (Mr. J. G. Coates) inspected Wellington's five kilowatt broadcast set at the Standard Cable Works, which is the most powerful set made in England, with the exception of that at Daventry's.

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Discussing the business of the past Parliamentary session, the "Daily Telegraph's" Parliamentary correspondent writes that the Ministerial party has stood admirably the test of their second session, which some politicians regard as the most severe trial of the stability of a Government.

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Col. F. S. Jackson, who recently resigned the chairmanship of the Conservative Party organisation on his appointment as Governor of Bengal, was presented with an antique silver Queen Anne coffee pot and water jug by the heads of departments at the Central Office and the area agents of the party.

The Law Courts adjourned for the Christmas vacation, and resumed for the Hilary Sittings on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

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A further sale of the effects from the British Empire Exhibition was held, with the approval of the liquidators, commencing Jan. 11.

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"Pinkie," the famous picture painted by Sir Thomas Lawrence, which is now on its way, carefully guarded, to America, has been insured to the full amount paid for it recently £77,700, and has been cleaned and restored.

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Major-General A. G. Wauchope, Chief of the British Section of the Military Inter-Allied Commission of Control at Berlin, has been selected to succeed to the command of the 56th (1st (London) Division of the Territorial Army next year.

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A Communist conspiracy for creating a reign of terror in Florence is stated to have been discovered by the police. About a dozen armed men who attended an all-night meeting in a well-known Communist's house were arrested one by one as they left in the morning.

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With a few exceptions the regulations prohibiting the use of certain preservatives came into force on Jan. 1. On the ground that ample opportunity has been given to dispose of stocks of foodstuffs containing preservatives, the Minister of Health decided not to allow a postponement.

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Expenditure on public social services has increased year by year and reached a record total of £338,462,694 for England, Wales, and Scotland during 1925. In 1891 the expenditure on such services in England and Wales was only £20,125,331, and in Scotland £2,519,003.

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Besides the "rose diamond," all the other precious stones stolen from the Chateau of Chantilly, weighing in all 90 carats, have been discovered. Many were found among the clients of a dealer well known on the Paris market, who, it is admitted, had bought them in good faith from Goldenrat, now in prison.

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The Kenya Legislative Council will consider the Defence Force Bill, which includes compulsory service for settlers.

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In connection with the situation which has arisen in South-Eastern Europe, the fact that Soviet Russia has recently placed in foreign yards a number of orders for submarines is deserving of attention.

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Three million nine hundred and thirty-nine thousand three hundred and one Savings Certificates were sold in Scotland for the year ended March 31, 1926, representing an increase of 168,738 over the previous year.

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A broadcast appeal by the Lady Mayoress on behalf of her Toy Fund brought in over £300 and a large number of toys from all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales. Lady Blades has despatched 25,000 toys to child inmates of hospitals and other institutions.

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Against 3,465 claims for approximately £9,836,340, the War Compensation Court state in their report, lump sum awards were made amounting to £4,922,131. Over 3,000 cases are awaiting trial by the Anglo-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal, to which fresh cases are still being referred.

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Representatives of 1,000,000 trade unionists in New York organised a permanent committee to combat the efforts of the Communists to control them. United action by trade unions throughout the country was urged to fight the Communists "operating in secret under instructions worked out by the Communist International in Moscow."

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By a suggested reform of the divorce law, now under the consideration of the Juridical Committee of the Reichstag, it is proposed that the husband shall be entitled to his freedom if his wife does anything to damage his career. Another proposal is that, whatever the result of the divorce, the party with the worldly goods shall pay for the future care of the children.

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In advocating the reform of Australian pronunciation of English, the Director of Education in New South Wales compared the London Cockney's vowel sounds with those heard in the Commonwealth. He asked why they could not share a common language with other parts of the Empire, and remarked that it was sad to reflect that other people were able to recognise Australians by their speech.

French-Canadian Chanson Has New Lease of Life

1. Charles Marchand, well known French-Canadian folk-song singer in typical pose.
2. Chansons have kept the spirits of log-jam breakers high at many a difficult task.
3. Singing and paddling went well together.

Perhaps the only part of the North American continent that possesses an authentic collection of folk-lore songs is the province of Quebec. Four hundred years ago when the first French explorers and settlers came to the shores of the St. Lawrence many of these songs were on their lips and in their hearts and they have never died out. It is to the honor of the French-Canadian race that they have never been allowed to fade from the remembrance of the people, nor has the flood of ephemeral and rubbishy popular songs of the day overwhelmed them. Originally sung at the court of the French monarchs, they were passed on from father to son, and were brought with the early settlers from France to Canada. And as the years have passed the old ballads have been supplemented by new ones created by the lumbermen and habitants; for music is a living art in French Canada.

Only within recent years have we begun to realize how rich is the treasury of lovely melodies associated with the folk songs of Canada. Thanks to men like Charles Marchand, interpreter of the French-Canadian "chanson", these folk songs have taken on new life, and before long they will be available for the English speaking population of Canada, owing to the efforts of John Murray Gibbon, whose translations will be published in book form early in the year.

With the idea of popularising the English versions and thereby bringing about a closer understanding between the French and English elements of Canada, Mr. Marchand is at present making a transcontinental concert tour under the auspices of the National Council of Education.

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"ADRASTUS"	22nd Mar.	Marseilles, London Rotterdam & Hamburg	

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"DEUCALION"	20th Feb.	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow
"PHILOCTETES"	23rd Mar.	Havre Liverpool & Glasgow
"NINGCHOW"	16th Apr.	Genoa, Havre, and Liverpool

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"PROTESILAUS"	26th Feb.	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
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"PATROCLUS"	4th Feb.	Singapore, Shanghai
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On Thursday, the 3rd February there will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Messages may now be accepted for Kongmoon under the same conditions and at the same rate as for Canton.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	
Shanghai	Luchow.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.	
Saigon	Angkor.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	President Taft.
Manila	Pres. Jackson.
Straits	Patroclus.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	
Straits	Nellore.
Europe via Suez (Letters & papers London 6th Jan & parcels 30th Dec., 1926)	Mantua.
Shanghai	Morea.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	
Australia & Manila	Tanda.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. McKinley.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels Noon Letters 1 p.m.	Talamba.	
Straits	Van Heutsz	2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Atlas Maru	3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (Letters & Parcels specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Angkor	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Menado Maru	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Shanghai	Achilles	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4		
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Taikwa Maru	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Patroculus	10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjitaroem	10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft	1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Mantua	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S., America & *Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 24th Feb. & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) Parcels noon. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	Pres. Jackson.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (5th Feb.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Morea.	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

FURTHER TROUBLE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The "Morning Post" says this lucid, straightforward explanation of policy leaves not a particle of excuse for further misrepresentations either at home or abroad.

The "Times" extensively quotes the published opinions of representative politicians, all parties showing essential agreement with the Government's policy; and adds that even in Sir Austen Chamberlain's bare outline the British proposals are clearly far-reaching and extraordinarily generous, too generous, perhaps to tisfy the hard-tried British community, whose enterprise and example have been of infinite value to China in the past. They will require very careful examination in details, but at present the obvious fact is that the Government is not leaving a stone unturned in a search for what Sir Austen hopefully describes as a permanent basis of mutual respect and good feeling.

Anti-British Agitation.

The "Daily Telegraph" is satisfied, but wishes Sir Austen Chamberlain had given a more detailed account of the sort of arrangement contemplated in the administration of the Concessions. It assumes there will be no departure from the principle that the maintenance of order and safeguarding of property must in all cases be effectively guaranteed for the areas in which British interests are centred. The announcement of far-reaching proposals for a change in the position of British residents in China, is accompanied by a satisfactorily plain-spoken statement of Britain's attitude towards anti-British agitation fostered by one of the Chinese Governments, to which these offers of readjustment are made.

The "Daily Express's" only criticism is that Sir Austen Chamberlain would have been well-advised to make his welcome speech earlier.

Liberal Views.

The Liberal journals in, nowise withhold their warm praise.

The "Daily Chronicle" remarks on the essential need for unity of all parties, and agrees on the necessity for safeguarding British lives and property at Shanghai, but utters a reminder that the enemies of British trading interests in China—and they are not confined to the Russians—are anxious to embroil us in an armed conflict with the Chinese, which will undo the efforts of good diplomacy, but the paper is convinced Sir Austen is most anxious to avoid such a result.

The "Daily News" says Sir Austen Chamberlain's conciliatory and restrained speech offers the Cantonese, and China at large, a priceless opportunity to negotiate a peaceful and profitable settlement. Sir Austen has the satisfaction of knowing that his diplomatic policy is unqualifiedly supported both by the opposition parties as well as by the general body of British public opinion.

All Parties Agreed.

The "Westminster Gazette" says this is more than a half way house and leaves the door open for a very full and final revision when there is a stable government, or governments, to represent the Chinese nation, beyond the present de facto stage. It notes that Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George are in the same temper as Sir Austen Chamberlain, and so long as Sir Austen is allowed thus to commit the Government step by step it is difficult to justify the charge that there is a war party behind the scenes.

The "Manchester Guardian" says, "If Mr. Chen shows the same degree of political courage on one side as Sir Austen Chamberlain has shewn on the other; if Mr. Chen be willing to ignore the noisy extremists who insist on expelling the foreigner bag and baggage, and really seeks a practicable and honourable settlement; he will certainly find one within the British Government's proposals, and so prevent the necessity for disembarking the defence force now on the way to Shanghai." It concludes by pointing out Sir Austen offers the Cantonese the main substance of sovereignty and independence, and withholds nothing which the Chinese could not be certain of winning peacefully very soon if they make the best of what they can now have for the asking.—Reuter.

American Comment.

Washington, Jan. 31.

The "Washington Post" has made the only comment hitherto available upon Sir Austen Chamberlain's pronouncement. It says that no American will begrudge Britain the credit that goes with a good deed cheerfully performed.—Reuter's American Service.

TROOPS FOR SHANGHAI.

Peking Government's Protest.

Peking, Jan. 31.

The Foreign Office to-day sent a Note to the British Legation, hoping the British Government would "give the necessary instructions for immediate withdrawal of the troops despatched to China, so that nothing untoward may happen to mar the friendly relations now happily subsisting between the two nations."—Reuter.

Punjabis Leave India.

Two battalions of the Punjab Regiment have left for China aboard the Sirdhana.—Reuter.

Mr. Thomas' View.

London, Jan. 30.

Mr. J. H. Thomas speaking at Newton Abbot, said he did not hesitate to say that once the Government decided that troops were necessary to defend their nationals in China, it was infinitely preferable to send a big army than a handful of men.—Reuter.

Rugby, Jan. 31.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, a former Labour Minister, said he could understand the hurry at the embarkation of troops, but frankly he did not subscribe to that view.

He did not know whether it was necessary to send troops, but that was a matter that the Government of the day, with a greater knowledge and fuller responsibility, must determine. He had no hesitation in saying that if a force was to be sent to protect British nationals, he would intentionally advise them to send a big army rather than a handful of soldiers. There the mobs were organised, and there was a danger of unforeseen circumstances, and of trouble breaking out. It was far more likely that a larger force would be a protection, and more likely to prevent war than a small force.—British Wireless Service.

GERMAN CABINET.

SEQUEL TO A STORMY MEETING.

DROPPING OF A CANDIDATE.

Berlin, Jan. 31.

President Hindenburg has appointed Herr Walter von Keudell and Dr. Hergt Ministers of the Interior and Justice, respectively.

The latter is also Vice-Chancellor. Both are German Nationals. —Reuter.

Later.

It was only after a prolonged and stormy meeting that the German National Reichstag party decided to yield to the entreaties of the President and drop Herr Graef as a candidate for a Ministerial post.

Herr Von Keudell is regarded as one of the more progressive members of the German National Party. He has been a member of the Reichstag since 1924 and an ex-Prussian provincial governor.

It is rumoured that a movement is proceeding to supplant Herr Gessler at the Ministry of Defence by a member of the German People's Party.—Reuter.

NEW YORK CHAT.

HOME PAPER CALLS UP ITS CORRESPONDENT.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE.

Rugby, Jan. 31.

From Saturday afternoon all towns in England and Wales have been admitted to the Trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service.

Reports from various provincial towns speak of the success of this extension.

The "Manchester Guardian" had a long conversation with its correspondent in New York, who, it says, could be heard with the utmost clarity.

The conversation was conducted with more ease than one just previously made with Newcastle. —British Wireless Service.

CHINA NEW YEAR.

"Mail" Holiday Publishing Times.

To-morrow being China New Year's Day, the "China Mail" will not be published.

The paper will appear at midday on Thursday and as usual on Friday.

NEW YEAR SPIRIT.

HOUSE-SERVANT'S LIGHT FINE.

CRIME IN DISTRICTS.

Because he hoped that the fine would be paid so that defendant could go out and enjoy China New Year, Mr. R. E. Lindsell imposed a reduced fine of $25 (or 14 days) on a house-servant employed at Repulse Bay by Mr. Hazeland of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., Ltd.

Defendant had five mace of illicit opium which normally would have meant a fine of $50.

He told His Worship that he would have been paid by his master to-day and permission was accordingly given him till 12 noon to go out, in Police custody, to draw his salary with which to pay the fine.

Robber With Stones.

Stones were the weapons used by a highway robber in the New Territories with which to get $13.80. The victim was a Taipo Market pork hawker who was walking near Tin Kok when he was attacked last Friday. After knocking the hawker down, the robber brandished a knife in his face and then stole the proceeds of a New Year sale.

Three robbers who ransacked a nunnery on the heights of Lantao Island are believed to have been arrested through taking part in another crime near the same place. The same number of men were caught and were identified by the nun who was robbed.

SIX YEARS' WORK.

FINISH OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

DESTRUCTION OF WEAPONS

Berlin, Jan. 31.

The Inter-Allied Military Commission officially ceases to-night.

A few officers remain to wind up its affairs.

In the course of six years the commission has ordered the destruction of 59,000 guns, 100,000 machine-guns, over 14,000 aeroplanes, 27,000 aero engines and many millions of shells and small arms.—Reuter.

BISHOPS MEET.

REVISION OF THE PRAYER BOOK.

BISHOPS MEET AT LAMBETH.

London, Jan. 12.

The long-drawn out question of the revision of the Prayer Book entered a new stage to-day when the Bishops met at Lambeth Palace, under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to consider the final form of the draft of the revised Prayer Book. The result of their labours will be submitted to convocation, which will decide whether the question shall be dealt with by the Church Assembly in July, after which the measure will be submitted to Parliament. The question will then become acute whether the Evangelicals shall secede in the event of the adoption of the alterations urged by Anglo-Catholics, or whether the latter shall start a disestablishment campaign if Parliament rejects the changes they favour, the chief of which relates to reservation of the Sacrament.

It has been reported that a compromise has been reached permitting reservation of the Sacrament for the communion of the sick in urgent cases, but forbidding any adoration or worship. On the other hand reservation is clearly ruled out by one of the present rubrics in the Communion service and the reported compromise conflicts with the belief that the draft revisions now before the Bishops are the work of Dr. Hensley Henson, whose sympathies are definitely Evangelical, and with the public statement of Dr. Chavasse, the late Bishop of Liverpool, that they are assured that none of the proposed alterations in the Prayer Book contravene its present teaching.

While the meeting was in progress Evangelical clergy and laymen made a demonstration outside the Palace.

TROOPS FOR JAVA.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.

At the request of the East Indies Government a number of Marines are being dispatched in February to reinforce the local troops.—Reuter.

A Chinese was taken almost unconscious to the Kwong Wah Hospital from Kowloon yesterday through corrosive acid being thrown at his eyes.

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